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Servicemen barred from Olympic teams

vil servants and servicemen hoping to compete the Olympic-Games were told last night that : Government will not grant them special leave go to Moscow. A ban on team events for itish servicemen is likely to end the chance of victory for the all-service pentathlon team.

No special leave for civil servants

tical Reporter

he Government last night ricted the chances of civil ants and service personnel pering in the Olympic tes in Moscow by announcthat no special leave will granted for those selected he British Olympic Associa-

he Defence Department is ularizing the three services instructions that servicewill not be allowed to pere in team events. The ly casualty could be the all-ice pentation team which, le yet to be chosen, stood a

hile a Defence Department esman said the edict could stop them travelling as viduals, they would im-iately run into the more ranging pronouncement it would be "inconsistent Government policy to pro-special facilities or

urage service personnel may wish to compete in Olympic Games s tot civil serants and ice personnel does not mean could not request normal lays during the period of games. But any such ret would have to be cont on manning levels.

lese latest moves come on ever of a Government-Monday which is designed in forther pressure on the sholympic Association not articipate in the games is HOA has already been that the Coverament has drawn Mr Douglas Martin, its Secretary in the Equision of the Spirish association as Olympic

assy in Moscow, as Olympic he who would liaise with Soviet Olympic Committee, decides to participate, the clation will have to select of its own representatives

n as arraché. ie leading athlete who could fected by the Government's sion is Sue Reeves, the long per, who is a social security utive officer. If the Games been held elsewhere she ld have been given special leave but now she will have sk for normal holiday leave, anday's Commons debate he on a Government motion ng British athleses not to

part in the games, Labour will have a free wore, the our Shadow Cabinet decided night. s could not be definite, but thought it would also be ee vote for Conservative Some care is being taken the motion's phrasing to to ensure strong backing 1 Tory MPs without a whip

g issued ciation upset: The Fureign ce decision to withdraw the on services of Mr Martin made the British Olympic ciation "extremely upset "
general secretary, Mr.
lard Palmer, said yesterday
tes Our Diplomatic Corre-

re association, told of the sion a week ago, is con-

Defending the decision, Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in a radio interview that the Government took the view that it would be "inconsistent" for a British diplomat to act as the official link to the Soviet Olympic Committee.

"It is up to the British Olympic committee to find their

Under the Olympic Charter, countries normally appoint a diplomat to act as a channel of communication with the host Olympic committee Mr Martin's tour of duty in Moscow is coming to an end soon in any

The Poreign Office said that normal consular facilities." athletes (writes our Moscow

A committee official said British compensors would work directly with the committee as world athletes from many countries not having an Olympic attache in Molcow. He fore saw no publishe.

the Embassy attaché to speed

The newspaper Komsomol-Pravda today praised British athletes for standing up to what it called the "rude pressure" of the British Gov-

interview with Sir Denis Follows; chairman of the British National Olympic Committee, and quoted him as ex-pressing confidence that the

Moscow.
"We realize the need to assure the British athletes of our intention and thus relieve the moral pressure which is

with the idea of boyconing the games", he said.

The newspaper's correspondent in London said that, to the credit of the athletes in Britain, a country with longestablished sporting traditions, they were standing up to obvious and open pressure.

It noted that 10 prominent sportsmen recently addressed an open letter to Mrs Thatcher rejecting her call for a boycott it said 79 British addressed had stated their readiness to go to Moscow in spite of the Government's appeals.

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attaché, if that is what want to do," Mr. Blaker "Lots of other countries

would be available at the embassy, although the implication is that British sportsmen cannot expect any assistance re-Soviet praise: The Russians made no official comment on Britain's decision to withdraw the services of Mr Martin, but the Soviet Olympic Committee said privately that the move would not make any difference to the participation of British

The only difficulty that might arise was that; if the Soviet committee wanted to send a delegation to Britain, it would no longer be able to approach

up arrangements.

ernment to persuade them to boycott the games. The newspaper published an

committee would vote to go to

being put on them in connexion with the idea of boycoming the games", he said.

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Steelmen unmoved by new pay offer

By Paul Routledge

The British Steel Corporation last night put a new pay offer to union leaders of 140,000 striking steelmen, but it was not expected to settle the industryl's national shutdown, which is now in its eleventh week.

On the third day of negotia-tions aimed at ending the dispute, BSC management and the 10-member trade union consortium agreed a joint docu-ment, covering job flexibility, demanning, and productivity bargaining.

But I understand that this "diluted" version of the cor-poration's original set of pro-posals was valued at only 9 per cent in terms of wage rises, or 1 per cent lower than the "final offer " put to the unions more than a month ago.

A 4.4 per cent payment for three months, to get local productivity schemes off the ground, remains in the corporation package offer; that puts the value of the draft deal as a whole at 13.4 per cent Union leaders adjourned to discuss the offer after seven hours of talks. Their first response was to argue that British Steel had not put enough money on the table, and that the strike should go

on.

BSC management was also considering its next move. If the latest offer is formally rejected, the Cornoration may go shead with a second ballot of the workforce, over the heads of union leaders, in an attempt to get its employees to approve

the package. While the manual unions were locked in pay negotiations, the 11,000-member Steel Indus-try Management Association was also asking for salary in-creases, believed to be as much as 27 per cent.

In talks with BSC at the industry's ashorne Hill College, near Leamington, SIMA proposed a 17 per cent rise in basic salaries, as well as more from local bonus schemes being negotiated for blue collar ployees, which could vield up to an extra ten per cent. The corporation's business

and industrial relations strategy has been strongly criticized by Mr Robert Muir, the association's general secretary. Writing in SIMA's internal newsletter, " It was not sensible he says: "It was not sensible for BSC at the outset to thump the workforce twice, almost simultaneously."



A policeman gripping a man during the clash between 1,000 steel strikers and 700 police outside Hadfields, the private steel works in Sheffield, south Yorkshire.

Marching strikers clash with police in protest over conduct of talks

From Ronald Kershaw

More than 1,000 steel strikers and 700 police were involved in clashes in Sheffield yesterday at several marches designed to demonstrate that there was still a cohesive strikt force in South Yorkshire. About 59 demonstrators were arrested on chages of threatening behaviour. assaulte, and obstruction. Two policemen were injured.

The centre of activity was the firm of Hadfields, leaders of the return to work in the private sector. The immediate aim of sector. The immediate aim of the marchers was to prevent workers reporting for duty. Mr Stanley Sheridan of the South Yorkshire strike committee of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (TSTC), said however that the underlying purpose of the demonstration was to express dissatisfac-tion at the way national negotia-tion were being conducted in

London. He said last night: "In the view of most of our members, there should have been cash on

the table before the talks began. Our members are angry and frustrated at the turn the talks are taking. We do not agree with the philosophy behind them, It looks as though the British Steel Corporation wants a foolproof agreement on other issues before money is talked about.

The demonstration started in the rain with token meeting outside the steelworks on the Sheffield Rotherham boundary. A group then converged on where the Sheffield to Rotherham road passes the Hadfields

Police from Greater Man-chester, West Yorkshire, and South Yorkshire gathered at roads leading to Hadfields, and stopped the marchers moving within 300 yards of the work gates. It was then that the massed marchers and the police clashed. marchers swarmed into the main

Sheffield to Rotherham road.
When police cordons held, the
marchers walked in rain for a
half mile to Templeborough

fointly-owned BSC-private sec-tor works. Here again the weight of police proved too much and the marchers turned back towards Sheffield. After about three hours of walking back and forth the demonstration broke up.

The Hadfield workforce was

not affected by the demonstra-tion and work proceeded normally.

Mr Sheridan said: "We wanted to demonstrate that there is still 100 per cent solidarity in Yorkshire."

Engineering firms and steel-works in the rest of the area were affected by the decision of the Transport and Union General (TGWU) to back the steel strike. Mr Kenneth Long, district officer of the union at Sheffield, said that about 8,000 workers from 16 companies in the Sheffield area had refused to cross TGWU picket lines. Mr Long said he was delighted with the results of

Instant sunshine was never promised, Mrs Thatcher says

By George Clark Political Correspondent

in a calm, but sombre mood, Mrs Margaret Thatcher gave a warning to the nation last night that the period of adjustment while Conservative economic policies are taking effect will be painful. "I am afraid some things will get worse before they get better," she said. But the Conservatives had never the conservatives and the conservatives. promised "instant sunshine." On the eve of the Southend,

East, by-election, the Prime Minister used the whole of a Conservative Party political television broadcast to have a "straight talk" to the nation, explaining that the things which people voted for in May, 1979, when they put the Conservatives into power were now happening. It must take time for the results of the "folly and neglect" of the Labour Government to be

the Labour Government to be corrected. In effect, she was asking the people who voted Conservative at Southend 10 months ago to continue backing the Government in a difficult operation which had already brought signs that "commonsense is breaking through."

"We have to walk a tightrope between the need to face economic facts and the claims of common humanity," she said. "Almost everyone agrees on the need to cut public spending but, human nature being what it is, we tend to want the cuts to fall where we personally are not affected.

not affected.

"The Government has to strike a balance, to keep the nation on the path you called for 10 months ago. This is what

we are doing:
"But after almost any major operation, you feel worse before you convalesce. But you do not refuse the operation when you know that, without it, you will not survive."

Mrs Thatcher faced up to the main question which doubting

voters are putting to canvassers at Southend: "Has the Government really lived up to the ment really lived up to the promise smade at the general election. Was it giving the leadership it had needed for so long?"

"Am I, who carry the main remonstibility." she continued

responsibility, she continued, putting her own reputation under judgment, "living up to the convictions of a lifetime? Are those convictions standing an in creatice? It our Comerup in practice? Is our Conservative philosophy failing or succeeding?" Before answering she re-minded her audience what the

alternatives were when the Conservatives took over. "Last

that a large majority of councils

demands. He said there had been calls

from some areas for stronger

action, including a demand from members working for Hackney council for a one-day

strike this month in addition to

the day of action being planned

The dispute revolves around a comparability claim by Nalgo's 480,000 members. The union

had stopped

for next month.

minds the appalling winter of discontent, from which Britain had just emerged scarred and shaken", she said. "The coun-try was convinced, as Conservatives had long been convinced, that unless some saner, fairer way could be found of settling industrial disputes, somer or later we would face another winter from which the nation might never fully recover." Prices and unemployment

were once again starting to rise; public spending was grow-ing; all attempts at wage restraint had broken down. For most people, she said, the choice was clear: "We could continue on the way we had been going for years. We nad been going for years. We could buy our way out of trouble by borrowing more money. We could go on pricing ourselves out of foreign markets, and out of our own; condemning more and more people to unemployment. We could carry on increasing taxes on carry on increasing taxes on every family in the land. "We could go on printing

money in a furile attempt to pay for what the country had not earned. We could make matters even worse by doing nothing about crippling industrial and the country had not be seen to b trial strife. We could carry on doing all these things until the economy finally collapsed." Or, and the Prime Minister

Or, and the Prime Minister deliberately emphasized the word, by a huge effort of national will, the people could stop the rot and change direction. Leaning forward to the camera she emphasized: "You decided that it was time for a change"

Well, what were the signs that the change people voted for was happening? "You will Continued on page 2, col 5



The employers issued revised

figures of the cost of the com-

parability payments yesterday. Their offer would add £180m to the £2,300m annual salary bill, but meeting the union

claim would increase the bill by

An employers' spokesman aid: "The public are already

faced with considerable rate in-creases and local authorities are

having to make financial cut-

E320m.

France blocks cheap European air fares

By Arthur Reed The British Airways plan to introduce cheaper fares into Europe received a severe set-back yesterday when the French aviation authorities refused a proposal for a 20 single fare on the London-Paris route. The "Channelhopper" fare

was to have been introduced from April 1, the day from which British Airways, with Air France, is to restructure its service on the London-Paris route by superning away first-class by sweeping away first-class

fares.

British Airways planned to offer 200 seats on the route each day at the 120 fare. To qualify, passengers would have had to go for their tickets to the airline's London town ter-minal on the day of travel or the day before. Air France did me day perore. Air France did not plan to introduce the Can-nelhopper fare, and the action of the French aviation authority was seen last night in the air-line industry as preventing undercuring of its own airline. The French Covernment has The French Government has The French Government has formally notified the British Department of Trade of its aviation authority's decision to reject the cheap fare. The two sides will hold talks on the dispute, but it is considered most unlikely that agreement will be reached in time for the new fare to be introduced by

the projected date at the beginning of next month.

This is the second setback for British Airways's plan for a restructured European fares package. Lufthansa, the West German Airline, has already, made clear that it will not follow the BA plan to do away with first-class travel within Europe. BA continues to say that it intends to replace first-class with club class and tourist class whether or not the foreign airlines fall into line. On the London-Paris route from April 1. British Airways and Air France will issue club class cickets for E55 single, budget fares for £42.50 single and budget returns at off-peak times of 545. BA did away with first-class in Europe because it had considered it had become an anachronism", with only 35 passengers per thousand using it.

Moro men jailed

Turin, March 12.-A Turin court has sentenced two prime suspects in the assassination of Aldo Moro, the former Prime Minister, to a total of six years in its control of the control o dispute, but it is considered in jail on preliminary arms pos-most unlikely that agreement session charges. The two men will be reached in time for the are both members of the Red new fare to be introduced by Brigades guerrilla organization.

Las Palmas, March 12.-Africa yesterday.

Seven Spanish crewmen from the 122,500-ton ship were res-cued, but maritime officials said there was only a faint covered today.

London, among those missing. Anne Hutchinson, aged 18, are

that owned the tanker. A company official said Mr Wilson and Miss Hutchinson joined the unladen tanker on

The explosion occurred about 100 miles west of the Mauritanian port of Novadhibou, not far from where the Liberian registered tanker, Salem, sank two months ago.—Reuter.

missing after By David Felton Labour Reporter Air traffic controllers at several provincial airports have voted for a four-day strike over the Easter week-end which the Easter week-end which the strict of the action in the greater London area showed the Easter week-end which the strict of the strict of the action in the greater London area showed the Easter week-end which the strict of the

Ships and a helcopter searched the Atlantic today for 30 people missing from the Spanish oil tanker Maria Alejandra, which exploded and sank off West

chance that more survivors would be found in the sea off Mauritania. Six bodies were re-

Two Britons, Mr Authony Wilson, aged about 50, from London, and his nurse, Miss Mr Wilson is a director and founder member of Mar Oil SA, the Spanish-based company

Monday on its way south towards the Gulf, where it was

to load with oil.

the Easter week-end which would cause chaos for holiday Controllers, members of the

over the holiday period. Other Nalgo members employed by local authorities responded to their union's call

President Tito's condition worsened today with a further weakening of the heart and a new attack of pneumonia. Privately, officials were saying that it was now a question of only days or hours before his

Two Britons | Easter air strike threat at Luton out with the employers shows work on processing and issuing

work on rate

National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo), who are based at Luton Airport are among those backing strike action. Last Easter Luton handled about 35,000 passengers

to impose sanctions over a pay dispute with the result that

President Tito nearing end From Our Correspondent Belgrade, March 12

death. The highest Yugoslav leader ship met yesterday, and agreed that national unity, so much in evidence during the President's illness, was a priority.

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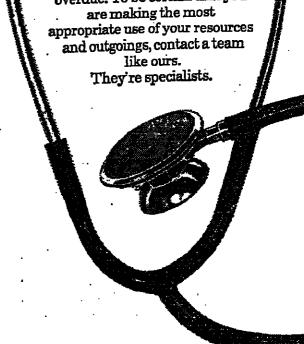
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ider proposals diring the EEC nit in Brussels to resolve British plaints over the size of fee continues to the Community budget, the European Commission vitted its own proposals for ving the dispute within a reason. period. France also said that it d not yield anything to Britain le dispute over lamb imports.

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iroke's, the leisure group, lost appeal in the High Court ast the refusal of Knightsze Crown Court London, last mber, to renew gaming licences, three West End casinos The p are to appeal again against the g by the Queen's Eepch Divi-Page 2

ezhnev letter

Helmur Schmidt, the West ian Chancellor, disclosed that Brezhnev had sent him a letter ig the Sovier Union's position on ig the Sovier Union's the letter anistan. The tone of the letter described as moderate but hard the matter of United States policy and Page 8

Mr Bush heavily defeated in South

President Carter and Mr. Ronald Reagan won the Florida, Georgia and Alabama primaries with big margins. Mr. Reagan inflicted an unexpectedly heavy defeat on Mr. George Bush, his principal rival for the Republican unination unless Mr. Gerald Ford beletedly afters the race. Although belatedly enters the race. Although Senator Kennedy fared badly m Florida, many Jews voted for him a trend which could appet Mr Camer in New York if it continues Page 8

US move on Iran Mr. Cyrus. Vance, the American Secretary of State, is to see Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Namous Secretary General, shout the inquiry commission which left Iran without seeing the hostages whose release depended on their findings. Ayatolish depended on mear rindings. Ayaused Behesht, Revolutionary Council secretary, said the extradistion of the Shall and the return of his wealth remained the conditions for the hostages release Page 8

Bonn easing curbs West Germany is planning to scrap

some of its exchange controls in the hope of attracting Arab oil money hope of attracting Arab on the Deutsche mark. Regulations preventing non-residents from investing in German securities with less than four years life will be relaxed.

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Assassination attempt: Former Lebanese President Camille Chamoun, aged 80, after surviving an assassina-tion artempt in Bentit. A remote-controlled bomb exploded next to his car, killing his driver and seriously wounding three bodyguards Page 9

Lights cancer risk

Researchers in the United States have proved for the first time that fluorescent light can cause cancer in mammals. Cell cultures of mouse embiyo were exposed to the light, incubated for 10 days, and then injected into mice Page 19 injected into mice

MPs attack BBC Welsh arson film The BBC went ahead with last night's

television film of people who claimed to be involved in arson attacks on Welsh holiday homes in spite of appeals by MPs. The decision, which was taken at top level, was described by Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool, as irresponsible Page 3 Labour inquiry: Left-wing MP says party leader should be subject to reselection process even when Prime Minister

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Judge rejects Ladbroke's appeal for casino licences and speaks of 'death-bed repentance'

Ladbroke's, the leisure group, failed yesterday in their attempt to get back their licences to run three casinos in the West End of London, the Ludbroke Club, the Hertford Club and the Park Lane Casino. The High Court dismissed their appeal against a crown court decision confirming that they were not "fit and proper persons" to hold casino

The Oueen's Bench Divisional Court refused to quash a decision of the knightsbridge Crown Court last December dismissing an appeal by Ladbroke's against a ruling by the South Westminster Gaming and Licensing magistrates that they were not "fit and proper" per-

sons to run casinos.
Ladbroke's announced last night that they intended to appeal against the Divisional Court's decision.

Lord Widgery, the Lord of the Gaming Act to take Chief Justice, giving judgment place; and that the Knightson behalf of himself and Mr bridge Crown Court had not

Justice Mars-Jones, said that a number of violations of the Gaming Act had been proved or admitted by Ladbroke's.

The included breaches of the rule forbidding people to gamble at casinos within 48 hours of applying for membership; substantial commissions being paid to agents introducting customers: using private ing customers; using private detectives to take the car numbers of customers of rival casinos and tracing their identities; and shredding files about how the casinos were run. Before the appeal at Knights-

bridge Crown Court, Lad-broke's restructured the company responsible for their casinos and appointed directors described by Lord Widgery as being of impeccable character.
Ladbroke's argued that their licences should be restored because the casinos were no longer being run by the people who had allowed the breaches

turing into account. money from its illegal opera-ford Widgery said that the tions, mercy of a kind which remarks of the Crown Court would never be extended to an judge (Judge Friend), who was individual." sitting with four magistrates, showed that the court had considered Ladbroke's restructur-ing but did not think much

That was a conclusion they That was a conclusion they were perfectly entitled to come to. Lord Widgery communed, particularly in view of the fining of the changes, which were made between the licensing hearing before the magistrates and the appeal, and completed only six days before the appeal. "It might indicate repentance, but at best it would be a death bed repentance", he said.
"To renew the gaming licence in this case because of the last-

in this case because of the last-minute restructuring, carried out after the sanction of refusal renew had been imposed might well be regarded by the man in the street as an unwarranted display of mercy being shown to a large corporation

The question of costs was re served for a later flate. All three of the objectors to the renewal of the licences, the police, the Gaming Board, and the Playboy Club, asked for costs, but Mr John Matthew, QC, for Lad-broke's said that his clients would accept bearing only one set of costs, not three.

In an agency report of the hearing before the Divisional Court (The Times, February 29) it was stated that Mr Matthew had said: "It is accepted that the previous management had been guilty of ourrageous con-

Yesterday Mr Manhew said that he had not made that statement. He had argued on the hypothetical basis that there had been such outrageous conduct but it had not been admitted that it had, in fact, taken place.

Pensions at post offices guaranteed by minister

Pensioners will not be forced to receive their pension fortnightly, or have to receive it through a bank account, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, said

"Renrement pensioners will remain free to draw their pen-sions weekly from the Post sions weekly from the Post Office", he told the Select Committee on Social Services.
"That is a guarantee."

He also promised that "no one will be forced to have his pension or other social security benefit paid direct into a bank account, but this might be an option for those who would like

Mr Jenkin said no other decisions had yet been made on a study that recommended moves rowards formightly pay-ment of benefits and greater use of payment direct into bank accounts, with exceptions for supplementary benefit, family income supplement and

The report estimated savings of £50m could be made. The proposals have evoked a considerable protest. But Mr Jenkin made plain that those affecting pensioners will not be implemented, though they might be given the option of less frequent payments and of payment into bank accounts. He did not rule out paying

particularly child benefit which the report proposed should be paid monthly at a saving of some £22m. He conceded that for poor families, where the benefit is a significant part of their income, weekly payments would remain. He admitted that if most pen-

other benefits less frequently.

sioners still opted for weekly payments at a Post Office about £15m of the estimated £50m savings proposed in the report would disappear. Labour backbenchers on the

committee said afterwards that they believed a far greater part of the savings would disappear if exceptions were made for poor families on child benefit, because of the extra work of identifying that group.

Mr. Jenkin also attempted to calm fears that thousands of sub-postoffices would face closure if the report's proposals were implemented. He said: "The Government is determined to ensure the continuance of a widespread sub-postoffice

Call to reselect Prime Minister

Labour Party inquiry told of PLP deficiencies

A proposal that the Labour Party leader should be subject to a process of reselection even when he (or she) is Prime Mini-Labour's commission of inquiry by Mr Michael Meacher, the left-wing MP for Oldham, West, and a minister in the last Government

In his written evidence to the commission Mr Meacher says he regards the reselection of the Prime Minister as "the most MPs as well as local Labour parties, union groups and other bodies have been invited to submit evidence.

reselection, he believes. should take place at an agreed time, some point between 18 and 36 months from the date of the preceding general election.

Mr Meacher thinks that the Labour leader should, in effect, submit his record for approval the electoral college is just the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) or some wider body, as was proposed at last year's annual conference.

There are five other main areas, highlighted by Mr Meacher, where the functioning of the PLP is at present deficient", and in each case he suggests what he believes are

sarv reforms. The first proposal for reform makes the point that in common with the principle of accountability which has been adopted for MPs, the PLP should have

By Our Political Staff

vaccine damazet.

Protests were made yesterday to Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services,

about the delays being experi-enced by parents who are claiming lump-sum payments of £10,000 for child victims of

He received a delegation of three Labour MPs, Mr David

Ennals, the former secretary of state; Mr Jack Ashley, Stoke-

on-Trent, South, chairman of the

all-party Disablement Group; and Mr Alfred Morris, Man-

former Minister for the Dis-

They told Mr Jenkins of grave

for reselection, which is already the practice when the party is in Opposition.

Mr Meacher's second concern is with the lack of consultation of the PLP before the presentation of Bills or the introduction of significant new policy pro-posals, together with the sub-sequent operation of the whipping system, which "bas effectively neutered the role of backbench MPs when Labour is the party of government." in order to resuscitate the role of the MPs, Mr Meacher believes that the draft of the

Queen's Speech should be pre-sented to the PLP at the start

of each session in time for amendments to be made and ommissions avoided before it is presented to Parliament. Thirdly, the PLP should be "treated setiously," as a forum for the taking of important decisions in a democratic manner. That would require changes both of procedure and of attitude, Mr Meacher sug-

The decision-making role of the PLP needs to be much more clearly understood by socialists outside the PLP. Furthermore, it is imperative that a better and closer working relationship be established between the PLP and the national executive committee (NEC) in a manner which properly safeguards the respective roles of each ". Mr Meacher feels that a

relationship of genuine account-

administration of the payments

scheme and the failure of the

Government to offer any pros-

pect of a compensation scheme

claims so far received by the Department of Health and Social Security, 2,176 had been disallowed and only 379 awards made. More than 1,250 of those

whose claims were disallowed have appealed. Of those, only

202 cases have so far been de

cided, 57 of them in fevour of

Mr Jenkins said that he would look into the delays and

the allegation that the scheme

was being administered too

strictly and with insensitivity.

He promised he would examine

procedural innovations.
The NEC/PLP report party's activities in the p year should form the bea half-day debate (after leader's speech). The rights and obligations PLP bloc at the conneed to be reassu light of any move ton tripartite electoral systems the selection of the lear

By such means Mr M. believes the main defects role and organization of t could be overcome. Ever proposals for reform accepted en mas definition of the reflects the feelings Labour MPs.

The list is short: ti PLP has no real pow accountability over its when in government: fi the machinery for mak PLP into a forum for cratic decision-making being operated; that t is not effectively intinto the wider structure party in the country; has not established a mentary role and relationship with the NF that a direct relation genuine accountability conference has

The commission of debate by the next Lab Blackpool in October

One of three printing unions reject offer

By David Feiton Labour Reporter

Laders of the National Graphical Association are to meet today to decide what industrial action to take after their rejection of a wide-ranging pay and productivity package covering 190,000 printing workers in the provincial newspaper and general printing in-

The package was rejected by NGA negotiators early yester-day after a 13-hour negotiating session. Leaders of the two other main printing unions in the industry are to recommend acceptance of the offer to their

If accepted, the measures to improve efficiency in the in-dustry would lead to widespread changes in working practices, with union demarca-tion lines going back for several decades being wiped

Mr Joseph Wade, NGA general secretary, said last night that the union was prepared to recommend the productivity proposals, "which would have a dramatic effect on our members", but had rejected the total package because the money offer was not good enough.

The employers' groups, the Newspaper Society and the British Printing Industries Federation, said the £12.79 a week increase in grade would guarantee a minimum earnings level for craftsmen of £75 a week and was worth 20.6

flat supplement is to be con-solidated and a reduction of one hour in the working week to 39 hours is offered from next January. The employers also gave a commitment for further reduction to 37\$ hours a week

in July, 1982. Mr Wade yesterday disputed those figures and said that the increase in average earnings was worth 15.9 per cent, which would not keep pace with the rate of inflation, which the union expected to reach 20 per cent at the end of this week.

In crude terms the NGA are demanding a further £5 a week on minimum grade rates and £5 a week on the minimum earnings level for craftsmen. Union leaders had said before negotiation started that should be under any illusion but that there may have to be a great deal of blood on the carpet ".

The central feature of the package is a new productivity programme which includes "interchangeability" of wor-kers in large sections of the industry and a revision of the apprenticeship scheme.

That has been accepted by negotiators representing 130,000 expected other local education workers in the Society of authorities to follow suit. Graphical and Allied Trades (SOGAT) and the National more than 400 beatings at EastSociety of Operative Printers, moor High School, Wakefield, in the year 1978-79, against a (NATSOPA), who will be offer in a commending the offer in a charge of that year. The school disputes ballot of their memberships.

Move to end corporal punishment

Corporal punishment is expec-ted to be banned in schools in four more local education authorities, Wakefield, Rother-ham, Sheffield and Manchester, after the decision of four auth-

orities in the south o England. In Wakefield the education committee has expressed its ,"distaste" for corporal punish-ment and voted for its abolition in special schools. The committee is expected to vote for dispunishment in all corporal

In Shefield the council has voted to abolish corporal pun-ishment by the end of 1981 and in Manchester the education committee has asked teachers to consider the abolition of corporal punishment as a matter of urgency". In Rotherham the education committee chairman has condemned corporal punishmem as "barbaric

Already Haringey, Waltham Forest, Brent and Inner London have decided to abolish cor-poral punishment within o set time. Stopp, the Society of Teach-

ers Opposed to Physical Punish

ment, said yesterday that it

It, also published figures of

Successful father: Samson, the first gorilla to breed in captivity, in 1971, is such a successful father that Bristo Zoo officials are planning to put his mates on the contraceptive pill. So far Samson, aged 17, has fathered four gorillas in the zoo and now two more of his mates are pregnant. There is a danger of the enclosure becoming overcrowded.

Attorney General criticized for not seeing MPs By Our Labour Staff

By Our Labour Staff
Sir Michael Havers, QC, the
Attorney General, was criticized yesterday for refusing to
appear, before the House of
Commons Seletz Committee on Employment to give evidence on trade union immunities and related issues.

Sir Michael, whom MPs on ment Bill, has told the com-mittee that he "must respect-fully decline" its invitation to Some Labour and right-wing

Conservative MPs were swift last night in claiming Sir Michael's refused to be an indication that the Government has not yet decided how certain sections of the Bill, particularly on picketing, will be enforced. In a letter to Mr John Gold-ing, Labour MP for Newcastleunder-Lyme and chairman of the committee, the Attorney General says that the standing committee on the Employment Bill is the proper forum for him to give advice on the effects of the roposed legisla-

Mrs Thatcher says Britain is paying for make-believe

say to me: But prices are still wards for work and enterprise.

going up; unemployment is still it was continuing with further rising. Have we not been caught in another prolonged and damaging strike, in which, whatever the outcome there are no winners, only more problems are causing so much hardship for both sides, and for Britain?" to people with mortgages, and

"All this is undeniable, indeed we spoke about it many times when we asked for your vote las year. We did no promise you 'insant sunshine Mrs Thatcher insisted.

"Change could not be painless, particularly at a time of that they cannot just turn to

world recession and rapidly rise government to bail them out ing oil prices."

"We are paying the price for ties."

years and years of make-believe, and now all the problems of those years have come home to roost. No wonder you agreed it roost. No wonder you agreed it was time for a change", Mrs

MPs protest at delay

in vaccine payments

Trade union leaders yesterday called on the Government to impose a windfall tax on the "exorbitant" profits of the banks and oil companies, and flood tide of imports". slowing down much-needed in-

urge you to take measures to tax the windfall profits of the oil companies and banks in order to transfer resources into sectors where they can be best used, notably manufacturing in-

Mr Heale vision of new weat

By Our Political Staff At a special pre-Budg ing of the Parlis Labour Party yesterd Denis Healey, the shado cellor, told MPs ti Geoffrey Howe, QC, the cellor of the Exchequ got it wrong and not might propose in his s the week after pext w to make it right again There were, Mr Het no simple answers to economic problems. MPs that what they

country at large had t was that pay increase had to be related to tivity increases. He said that the 19 not just an extension o old 1970s. "This is a n he said, with new s

vealth in such things Sea oil and microproce Were it has lot to int Budget on Wednesday Healey felt his proposa include excess profits oil, banks and gas. A number of the l spoke took the view th comes policy was ess

inflation was to be or Mr Jack Straw, MP fo for such a policy coup prices policy, includin price commission. Mr Straw was also

of import controls policy supported by ma MPs at the meeting) that they would have the centre of any exp Labour policy. He als for "an internationalis of economic matters

Wye bridge plann A new bridge over t Wye on the A48 at Che planned to replace the old iron bridge, the De of Transport said y Meanwhile the old bri be strengthened.

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90% drop in foreign students forecast open, especially intechnical subjects, which provide many students, at Newcastle College opportunities for home stuof Art and Technology they had Sir Michael, whom MPs on the all-party committee wanted to question chiefly on the enforcement of the Employ-

Eg Frances Gibb

seas student numbers, leading in turn to the closure of hundreds of courses at British colleges, is predicted in a survey published by the National Union of Students yesterday.

Full-cost tuition fees, to be charged to new overseas students from September, will have "disastrous consequences" for the opportunities open to future generations of home

students, it says.

Mr Trevor Phillips, president
of the NUS, said: "Few people

supper to the sound of island music.

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the Colony Room with

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its gourmet menu

aren't made in heaven.

but Heathrow At the

businessman to relax?

survey, carried out The among 450 overseas students at 'Brackford and Sheffield universities, North East London Polytechnic and London University's School of Oriental and African Studies, shows that nine in every ten of present foreign students would not have come to Britain if they had had to

pay the new fees.
Presenting the findings of the Mr Trevor Phillips, president of the NUS, said: "Few people realize that overseas students help to keep many courses students are reports of a rise this year in

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"By this time last year there had been 200 applications from overseas. So far this year the college has had five."

He told the committee, which is investigating the funding and organization of higher education under Mr Christopher Price, Labour MP for Lewisham, West, that the Mauritian High Commission in London believed few students from Mauritius would be able to afford to study in Britain in future.

Climber praised for efforts to save friend

From Our Correspondent Mr Adrian Walker, the West

Cumbria coroner, yesterday praised a climber who tried unsuccessfully to save the life of a companion after they had been caught in severe condi-tions on Scarfell, 3,100ft He said at an inquest at Kes-wick that Mr David Daniel, aged 30, a civil servant, had behaved like a tower of

strength Mr Daniel, of Rocky Lane, Monton, Eccles, Manchester, and his neighbour, Mr Terence Tucker, aged 30, were both experienced climbers, were fully equipped, and had checked the weather forecast before setting out to climb Scarfell, the coroner was told.

Mr Daniel said they had been caught in arrocious weather near the summit and forced to camp in a snow hole. Mr Tucker had collapsed four times. His body was found six days later.

A verdict of death by mis-advanture was recorded.

BL Cars optimistic about ending pay deadlock From Clifford Webb increasing speculation that fail-

Birmingham The management of BL Cars was optimistic last night that it would persuade union leaders to meet executives soon to try to break a four-month deadlock

to break a four-month deadlock on pay talks.

Company sources insist that the refusal of Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, to take part in such a meeting is unlikely to influence other union leaders. The management would be content to accept Mr union leaders. The management would be content to accept Mr Grenville Hawley, National automotive secretary of the transport workers, as Mr Evans's nominated deputy.

The importance which BL attaches to meeting union leaders before 3 pm tomorrow, when Sir Michael Edwardes, chairman, is expected to disclose losses of £100m in the last financial year, has led to

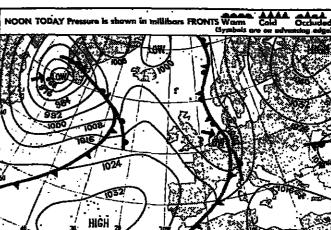
ing talks with the unions he will approunce plans to impose the pay deal.
Rises of between £3.50 and 19 a week, 5 to 10 per cent according to grades, would be backdated to November 1. They would provide an estimated £7m payout to 85,000 manual

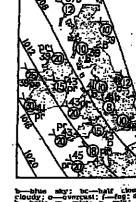
workers.

Mr Hawley, who leads the union side on BL Cars joint negotiating committee, has said that workers are unlikely 10 reject more money in their pay packets, but they will simply regard it as an interim pay-

The other side of the paydeal, acceptance by workers of reformed working practices, is much more dangerous. Mr Hawley has told Sir Michael that any attempt to impose far-reaching changes in traditional practices would probably lead

Weather forecast and recordings





NW, strong; sea rough.

St George's Channel: W
strong to gale; sea rough

rough.
Irish Sea: Wind NW. Yesterday

to 8°C (45° to 46°F).

E and NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen: Sunny intervals, occasional showers; wind NW, moderate; max temp. 6° to 7°C (43° to 45°F).

SW England, Wales: Sunny intervals, showers, heavy at times; wind NW, fresh or strong: max temp 7° to 8°C (45° to 46°F).

Isle of Man. SW and NW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, wintry showers, heavy in places, with snow on hills, becoming drier; wind NW, moderate or fresh: max temp 6° to 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, occasional showers; wind mainly NW, light; max temp 5° to 6°C (41° to 43°F).

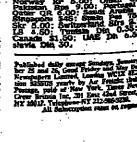
Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Sunny intervals at first, becoming less cold with rain spreading from W on Saturday.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind NW fresh.

SE England, East Anglia :Rain at first in E. sunny intervals, occasional showers; wind NW, English Channel (E): Wind







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Plea to end Ulster silence law From Christopher Thomas

The legal eight of people to give only the barest informa-tion during interrogation which is seen as one of the most serious obstacles to bringing terrorists to book, was yesterday criticized by the non-secretarian Alliance Party of

Northern Ireland.
Senior Army and police officers privately point to the so-called right of silence as the most important reason why many known terrorists still walk freely in the streets of walk freely in the streets of The abolition of the right was advocated in a package of security proposals presented by the Alliance party in talks with Mr. Humphrey Atkins, Sec-retary of State for Northern

Ireland, at Stormont Castle.
The party urged the intro-

duction of a new offence of. "The conditions are self-failing to account for one's inflicted and have been created movements and a new crime by prisoners themselves for the under the heading of "pro-motion of terrorism".

It said that all paramilitary organizations involved in violence should be proscribed and there should be tougher sentences for arms convictions and for belongin gto proscribed bodies. Film and tape recordings of incidents should be admissable in evidence.

The Alliance team was headed by Mr Oliver Napier, the party's leader, as part of a continuing dialogue some Ulster politicians are conducting with Mr Atkins over security, the EEC and the есопоту, party included some harsh comments about the

some or times such as murder, armed robbery and extortion."
It supported the continued re-fusal to concede special category status to the protesters. Such a decision would be morally indefensible and would raise expectations that prisoners would not have to serve out their sen-tences, as there might be an religious or political motives, both republican and "loyalist"

amnesty. No matter what their alleged

gunmen were enemies of the people of Northern Ireland.

"Those in H blocks have not been imprisoned for their political beliefs but have been convicted through the courts for some of the most brutal and cal-

"dirty protest' in the H blocks of the Maze Prison. In a paper presented to Mr Atkins it said:

anxieties felt by parents who claim thheir children have been deputation's request that the £10,000 payments should be damaged by vaccine, about the protected against inflation. Windfall tax on high profits sought by TUC By Our Labour Editor

was time for a change", Mrs
Thatcher said.

That change had begun. Last
would not recover. If too fast,
summer income tax had been innocent people would get hurt.

"We must change, and if Brither volume of Britain's manufactured imports rose by 16 per cent, 10 times the growth of manufactured exports.

Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said: "In your forthcoming Budget we believe

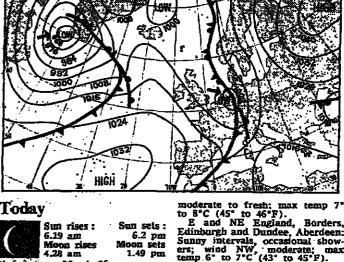
The TUC economic committee yesterday said that last year the volume of Britain's manu-

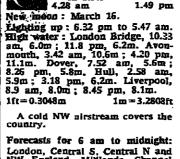
vestment in industry. "We are making some proit is essential that you allow a more realistic growth of the money supply. In addition, we gress," she claimed. "It is gradually becoming accepted by management and unions alike

dustry."

largely responsible for the present high rates of interest which

take urgent action "to stem the In a letter to Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the Chancellor, Mr

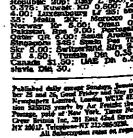




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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair ; r, rain : s, sun : sn, snow.





BBC refuses MPs' pleas to drop er 'Nationwide' report on Welsh holiday home 'arsonists'

A BBC film report of people who claimed to be involved in arson attacks on Weish holiday homes was broadcast late unique. homes was broadcast last night despite appeals by MPs. The decision to allow the film

arson attacks on Welsh holiday these arson attacks might be be be shown on Nationwide was taken by Mr Jan Trethowar in the circumstances are at th taken by Mr Ian Trethowan, director-general, and senior BBC executives.
Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secre-

tary of State for Wales, said: We have a free press, but I think I am entitled to ask the on all sides of the House BBC to think very carefully whether they should do this may "yesferday Mr Alec Jones, sort of thing. These people Opposition spokesman on Welsh are terrorists who have endiants, tried to table an early day motion and a private notice are terrorists who have endangered life and property and the BBC seem to be encouraging them. The first duty of the BBC in this should be to assist the police."

Mr. I are Absect to have a labour Mr. I are the property and the beautiful and the beautiful and the property and the beautiful and the

Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for publicity to a member of an Pontypool, said: "To give a organization which admits that propagandist planform to through its activities 'someone arsonists is irresponsibility on the part of the BBC. This is

the part of the BBC. This is not a question of giving a platform of speech to a minority group but of giving a platform to avowed criminals."

The film, shot at a house in Cardiff, showed a silhouetted man handing a BBC reporter a statement threatening to increase arson attacks. It was watched by senior police officers in Wales who are investigating. 35 attacks on English owned holiday homes.

Mr. Richard Francis, head of BBC news, said that a Nation-boide team bad been investigat-

wide team had been investigat. the Government attached great ing the arson campaign for importance to the intervention

tary, of course, had no direct programmes, he added.

might be subsequently investigated by the police, and shortly afterwards the reporter volunteered to the police such infor-mation as he was able to give." Our Political Staff writes: MPs

through its activities 'someone will get hurt sooner or later'", he said.

Earlier, Mr Merlyn Rees, shadow Home Secretary, said in the Commons that there was a bombing campaign on houses of English residents and of Welshmen who owned two

houses.

Nobody wanted to stop genuing ideas coming out on television, even from those with which one disagreed, he said. But this was a matter of people who would be hurt.

Mr Normon St John-Stevas, Leader of the House, said that

£2.3m apples aid plea by farmers rejected

From Hugh Clayton Agriculture Correspondent Newbury

It is understood that shadow

legal affairs thought the BBC

wes in contravention of its

statutory obligations. Many MPs

thought that, whatever the statutory position, the pro-

gramme was an appalling piece of journalism.

Action possible: The Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers,

OC, is considering the papers in two cases involving the BBC sent to him by the Director of Public Prosecutions, to see

whether he should recommend

National Liberation Army about

the murder of Mr Airey Neave, which was shown on the Tonight programme in July.

ATV reprimand: Production staff involved in the filming of

alleged criminal damage by children in an ATV programme have been reprimanded, Mr

spokesmen concerned

Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Pisheries and Food, rebuked farmers yesterday for demanding large price rises and protection against

He indicated that the Govern-

ment would reject a claim by farmers for aid of £2.3m m counteract what they see as un-fair subsidies to French growers of Golden Descious apples.
"If apple growers in this country are kidding themselves that it is all unfair compenition, whether he should recommend action under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 1976

One concerns the filming by a Panorama team of armed IRA members in Carrickmore, co Tyrone, last October. The second concerns an interview with a member of the Irish National Liberation Army about they are deluding themselves", he said. "A trip round Covent Garden looking at the golden dekicious compared with some of the British produce coming on to that market is not an

encouraging experience." He was speaking at a conference organized by the Wessex area of the Conservative Party, at which he faced many scentical questions from farmers. He insisted that the Government had an outstanding record of helping farmers. It had eliminated the green pound gap, about which they had complained for years.

"The National Farmers Union spent three years cam-

have been reprimanded, Mr Charles Denton, programme controller of ATV network Ltd, said yesterday
Mr Arthur Sandford, chief executive of Nottinghamshire County Council, had alleged that a stone-throwing incident in the film, in a series called England, their England, had been stage managed. paigning for it to be elimi-nated", Mr Walker said. "They are not saying much about it now. In a 10-month period it would be difficult to envisage any government doing anything as speedily as we have done."



Rival medical students in battle before the Hospital's Rugby Cup final yesterday between St Mary's and Westminster at Richmond. (Match report, page 12.)

Curb on sales drives aimed at children

By a Staff Reporter
Sales promotion methods
aimed at children are to be
modified after the publication
yesterday of the Advertising
Standards Authority's new code

of practice.

The code, which is observed by all main media and advertising bodies, stipulates that children should not be eligible

the way. The authority last year initiated a study in schools run by the Inner London Education

for promotions where the prizes
methods may cause difficulties with
re to be parents unless their written perublication mission is required for entry to
dvertising the competition. The use of
new code prizes unsuitable for children
or young people is barred.

More restrictions may be on
advertish to be way. The authority last year
responsibility out to involve responsibility not to involve children against the wishes or

attitudes of their parents".

Leaders of drugs gang jailed for 12 years

From Our Correspondent

The two ringleaders of a gang of drug smugglers were each jailed at Ipswich Crown Court yesterday for 12 years.

The first man, Ahmet Veli, a Turkish Cypriot, of Tottenham London, who was said to have been leader of the London end, admitted conspiracy, and importing £5m of heroin into Britain. The second, Fuat Yurksel, a jeweller from Istanbul, who was said to have organized the operation in Turkey, had pleaded not guilty to similar charges.

Edward Scanlon, of Hampstead, London, one of the gang's couriers, who admitted conspiring to import cocaine from South America es well as heroin from Turkey, was jailed for seven years. He received a further consecutive sentence of two years for burglary.

Sharon Bryant, aged 22. London, mistress of Mr Veli. was jailed for two years for importing and supplying heroin. Victoria McCaffrey, aged 24. of Fulham, London, who was jailed for two years at the beginning of the trial three and a half the second and the property and the second and the second area. weeks ago, had her sentence varied yesterday by Judze Bertrand Richards to an 18month suspended sentence.

Mrs Sheila Cooper, Mr Scenion's friend, also of Hampstead, was earlier jailed for three years for attempting to import heroin.

Prison officers block *****action on riot orders**

· Home Affairs Correspondent Prison officers at Wormwood scrubs, London, who face a police investigation after a clash here with prisoners, have told he Home Office that they will lot take part in a similar operaion in future. They were wered in to deal with a pro-

or the prison during a protest in riot, and would then hold a neeting to decide what to do. The officers' reaction places a jeopardy tactics worked out or dealing with trouble in fittain's potentiable emissive iritain's potentially explosive ails, which are dangerously recrowded and contain un-recedented numbers of people onvicted of crimes of violence. Adding to the crisis in the had emer stem is industrial action assaults eported at 25 prisons.

eported at 25 prisons.

A spokesman for the 460trong branch of the POA at Vormwood Scrubs said yester-tay that it had in effect told he Home Office: "We are no

The resolution by the branch vas passed on to the prison

department by the governor. Officials at the department had said they understood the feel-ings of branch members; but they expected us to follow the best traditions of the ser-vice and do as we were told. But our members are adament ", the spokesman said.

The time taken to put the cst on August 31 last.

A meeting of members of the incident on August 31 was in it branch of the Prison seven minutes, he said. Officers Saw no reason why they should carry our instructions of the prison of the sort given which had led to a police investigation. Mr William Whitelaw, the

Home Secretary, asked Scotland Yard to investigate the clash. Mr Keith Gibson, director for the south-east region of the prison service, had written to Mr Whitelaw saying he was unable to make progress with his investigations into the incihis investigations into use incodent as prima facie evidence had emerged of criminal assaults by officers on

risoners. There were injuries to 54 prisoners and 11 officers during

the trouble.
The Howard League for Penal The Howard League for Penal Reform said yesterday in a onger prepared to accept the letter to Mr Whitelaw that it lictates you give us when we welcomed the police investigation you are not going to malicious evidence had emerged only the police investigations. The world in the condition of the police investigation of the police investigation of the police investigation. incident while memories and wounds were fresh.

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Fransplant man reated for

Mr Ewen McPhee, who recived a heart transplant last nouth, has been treated for igns of rejection at Papworth Iospital, near Cambridge, it was disclosed yesterday.

His body showed signs of ejecting his new heart at the nd of last week, but after reatment with a drug he is now naking better progress.

reatment with a origine is now naking better progress.
Doctors said it was not the irst difficulty for Mr McPace, ged 23, from Inverness. Soon-dier his operation he had to be fitted with an electronic racemaker because his heart was not beating correctly.

A hospital official said the invation was not unusual Mr

iruation was not unusual Mr ceith Castle, Britain's longest urviving heart transplant pati-nt, had similar trouble with ejection, but that was successully rreated.

Mr Castle and Mr Andrew larlow, another heart trans-lant patient, met in Doncaster esterday while they were help-ng to promote a campaign to aise £250,000 for heart trans-

During yesterday's tour, which as organized by the National Heart Research Fund, Mr astle and Mr Barlow went to counthorpe, where they re-eived a cheque for £1,500 to

British heritage in danger, council says

By Our Planning Reporter Public interest in and official acceptance of, the need for nature conservation are not enough to safeguard Britain's natural heritage, the Nature Conservancy Council states in its annual report, published

today.

Modern technology is, more often than not, intrinsically damaging to natural systems, while today's land use practices decrease natural variety and diversity", it states.

"It is not only individual species of animals and plants that can become extinct for ever; whole systems developed over many centuries, if not millennia, can also be irreplaceable." The

The report observes that national nature reserves cover less than a hundredth of the area of Britain, and that only area of Britain, and that only just over a quarter of that is owned by the council.

"Unless the nation is willing by one means or another to safeguard these crucially important parts of its beritage, we foresee the loss of irreplaceable sites and a harsh judgment by posterity on this ment by posterity on this generation", it says.

Fifth Report of the Nature Conservancy Council, 1 April 1978-31

March 1979 (Stationery Office, £4).

Clash likely on new plan for west London relief road

ly John Young

ame route as the previously roposed West Cross motorway, rioposed west cross motorway, high was to have formed part if the inner London ringway and was abandoned in 1973. the main difference is that. ustead of being elevated over railway tracks which pass hrough Olympia and West rompton it would run along

At present the Greater endon Council will say no Embankment.

The resulting destruction of the chesses riverside, including the chesses riverside. and is in process, and man a the unesses riverside, including sport will be presented to its such cherished and historic entral area committee later streets as Cheyne Walk, should his year. But it is thought that he a matter of national, and not he report will almost certainly just local, concern, they say.

Fresh controversy seems road ikely to arise in the next few nonths over revived plans to any decision will be the usid a north-south relief road possibility of a Channel Tunnel hrough west London between terminal at West Brompton, theoherd's Bush and Chelsen Olympia or White City. The GLC would ideally prefer a terminal in the east London of the factors influence with the new few local presents of the factors influence in the factors influence in the new few local presents of the factors influence in the next few local presents of the factors influence in the factors influence in the next few local presents of the factors influence in the next few local presents of the factors influence in the next few local presents in the next few loca

docklands, but that is unlikely to appeal to British Rail.

With or without such a terminal, residents' groups accept that there is an urgent need for a year and to take heart for a new road to take heavy traffic out of areas like Earl's Court. But they maintain that, without a new river crossing to Wandsworth; the road would merely funnel intolerable amounts of traffic on to the



Complete Government Fuel Consumption Figures, Rover 5-speed manuals: 2300 turban motoring 17.5 mpg (16.1 litres/100 km); constant 56 mph (90 km/h) 36.8 mpg (7.7 litres/100 km); constant 75 mph (120 km/h) 31.0 mpg (9.1 litres/100 km). 2600 turban motoring 18.5 mpg (15.3 litres/100 km); constant 56 mph (90 km/h) 38.2 mpg (7.4 litres/100 km); constant 75 mph (120 km/h) 30.2 mpg (9.4 litres/100 km), 3500 turban motoring 16.2 mpg (17.4 litres/100 km); constant 56 mph (90 km/h) 36.3 mpg (7.9 litres/100 km); constant 75 mph (120 km/h) 27.9 mpg (10.1 litres/100 km), 5-speed gearbox optional on the 2300. Car shown features optional alloy wheels.

British aid mission to visit Rhodesia after independence

nouse or commons A British aid mission would visit Rhodesia as soon as practicable after independence, Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, said during questions about the latest situation Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham C) said: Mr Mugabe has been appointed Prime Minister and has submitted a full list of ministers to the Governor. Arrangement will be made shortly for the election of the Senate and of a President-elect. The date of independence is being discussed between the Governor and Mr Mugabe.

Mr Mugabe has asked for

Mr Mugabe has asked for Mr Mugabe has asked for assistance from Britain in a number of fields, including military and police training, the resettlement of members of the forces of both sides and advice on the machinery of government and on broadcasting. We shall respond positively to these

new government have set their priorities. An aid mission will visit Rhodesia as soon as practicable after independence.

The Government has informed The Government has informed the Commonwealth Secretary-General of Mr Mugabe's request that Zimbabwe should become a member of the Commonwealth. The proposal has our full support and the Government hopes that either Commonwealth members will agree in time for Zimbabwe to come to independence within the Commonwealth. In that event, the necessary

the Commonwealth.

In that event, the necessary adjustments to the Zimbabwe Act and other United Kingdom laws will be made by Order-in-Council. Mr David Winnick (Walsall, North, Lab)—Should not the South African authorities learn to North, Lab)—Should not the South African authorities learn to draw the lesson from recent events—that the tide of history and majority rule in Africa canand majority rule in Africa Lau-not be stopped and that it is essential the black people in South Africa should get the rights and freedoms width the people of Rhodesia are going to achieve? Sir lan Gilmour—That may or may not be true, it does not arise out of this question. out of this question.

Mr loan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)

The stand which we have made that there should be a democratic election in Rhodesia to get true representation of the people has been fully justified.

In view of the fact that I'rime Minister Mugabe has suggested there should be a period of time before independence is granted, will the Lord Privy Seal give full consideration to the suggestion? Sir Ian Gilmour—I agree that the election has been free and fair. We all welcome that. As to the date of interpendence, I fully see the force of wint has been seid. This matter is being discussed between Mr Mugabe and the Gover-Eldon Griffiths (Bury St

tions with South Africa are important to the new government, in economic and many other ways, will the Lord Privy Seal persuade Mr Mugabe and the other front

House of Lords
The House of Lords sat all night

on the committee stage of the Edu-cation (No 2) Bill during which the clause on the assisted places scheme was agreed to. Tuesday's sitting ended at 7.5 am today.

On Clause 17 (Assisted places at

independent schools). Lord Stewart of Fulham (Lab), for the

Opposition, said the proposed scheme was harmful to state edu-cation standards and socially divi-

The clause requires the Secretary of State to establish and operate a scheme for assisted places at inde-

schools will remit fees in respect of pupils holding such places and

will be reimbursed by the Secre-

Lord Stewart of Fulham said this was not the best way to get the best of talent among the young or to produce a united nation. The

scheme allowed the Secretary of State to subsidize the independent education of children from the

The clause undermined state schools and limited their development. One reason that the country did not do so well industrially was because of the lack of proper relatives between those proper relatives between those proper relatives.

because of the late of proper teachers those people who menaged industry and gave insurations and those people who

had 13 carry them out.

The Bill, as it stood, assumed that from school upwards there were two nations in Britain.

Viscount Simon (L) said it was

wrong to cream off children from
the state system and put them into
Frivate schools. It would be interesting to know how many scholers of Eton and Winchester had
done anything memorable after
leaving their respective schools.
Level Wedderburn of Charlton
(Lab) said the proposed system

The Earl of Mansfield, Minister of

State. Scottish Office, said that Scotland would soon have its own scheme. The criginal cost was to have been fim in the first year building up to 55m. This figure was now to be halved.

Lady Young, Minister of State for Education and Science, said she would not accept that the assisted places scheme was a rival to the charge system. For peers

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cans settle down and get used to the new situation so that in the end it may benefit all. Sir Ian Gilmour—What Mr Grif-fiths has said is right. He will have noted the careful remarks Mr Mugabe has made about rela-tions with South Africa. nons with South Arrica.

Mr Donglas Jay (Wandsworth.
Battersea, North, Lab)—Does his
statement mean a further legislafive order is to come before the
House before independence is
formally and constitutionally established?

Sir Ian Gilmour—There will be an

Sir Ian Gilmour—There will be an order-in-council as envisaged under the Zimbabwe Act. There has to be an order creating the independence of Zimbabwe whether or not Zimbabwe is a member of the Commonwealth.

Mr Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler (North West Norfolk, C)—Are there any signs as a result of the huge election victory and his overriding majority in the new Parliament of Zimbabwe, that Mr Mugabe will seek to introduce constitutional changes other than those agreed at Lancaster House? Sir Ian Gilmour—So far no, but it is early days. I cannot speculate about that. He has a majority sufficient to make some constitutional changes but not others which are entrenched and need 100 per cent of the assembly. Mr Peter Shore, chief opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—I should like to offer my congratulations on the outcome of the process of settlement. It has been a major success for Britain and the Commonwealth (Cheers).

cess of settlement. It has been a major success for Britain and the Commonwealth. (Cheers).

Will the Lord Privy Seal turn his mind to the urgent need for reconstruction in the war toro Zimbabwe? The prospoals for help with land purchase for resettlement mentioned during the Lancaster House conference would be an enormous help and stabilizing for the new Zimbabwe Government.

Will he consider carefully the new requests being made for the Governor not abruptly to terminate new requests being made for the Governor not abruptly to terminate his stay in Salisbury but to concousider prolonging it until certain interim matters have been settled in consultation with the

settled in consultation with the new Prime Minister?
Sir Ian Gilmour—I should like to thank Mr Shore for the valuable tour he carried out before and during the elections.

As was stated at Lancaster House, the British Government will be prepared to help with any agricultural development plan undertaken by the new Government. If an agricultural development plan or equivalent institument plan or equivalent institu-tion were set up, including ques-tions of agricultural development and land settlement, the Govern-ment will be prepared to contri-bute to the initial capital and sup-nor the efforts of the new Govern-

port the efforts of the new Govern-ment to obtain assistance from other governments.

An overseas development aid mission will visit Rhodesia as soon as possible after independence for further discussions on this and other priorities still to be identified by the new Government.

As to Mr Shore's last point, we are not rushing these matters. I take note of what he said. The Governor and Mr Mugabe are discussing this during the next day or two.

Uttering threats wrong way to negotiate UK share of EEC budget

The Government did not occurrent that uttering threats was the right way to proceed in negotiations over Britain's contribution to the circumstance of the contribution of the circumstance of the circumstanc way to proceed in negotiations over Britain's compination to the EEC budget, Sir Ian Gilmon', Lord Privy Seal, said at question

time.
Mr Eric Deakins (Waltham Forest, Walthamstow, Lab) had asked for a statement about progress with other EEC countries in the matter of reducing the United Kingdom budget contribution.

Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham, C)—some process has been made and we look to an agreed solution at the next European Council in Brussels on March 31.

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Mr Deakins—In seeking a permanent solution, does the Government mean one which will take account of the vasily increased cost of the common agricultural policy and hence our budget contribution when three new members, Greece, Spain and Portugal, are admitted?

Sir Ian Gilmour—We aim to achieve a solution that will last as long as the problem. (Labour laughter) That indicates a certain dynamism in the solution. Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab)—The Prime Minister in particular has blown hot and cold over this matter for months on end with singularly little positive result. In the circumstances, we

on fishing

ought to take a much more robust and aggressive attitude particu-larly towards the French Govern-ment which does not understand anything else. Mr James Lamond (Oldham, East, Lab)—And that is a supporter.

Sir Ian Gilmour—I do not agree that the Prime Minister has been blowing hot and cold. She has been singularly strong and con-sistent on this matter throughout. Mr Hamilton seems to think that this quarrel should be conducted as though between members of the Labour Party. We do not believe that is the right way to behave to our partners, but we have taken a

strong position.

If he has read the transcript of the Prime Minister's broadcast on French television the night before last, he will have seen that she took an effective and robust attitude. We are convinced that our case is right.

We are asking for an equitable solution and that is what we intend to get. intend to get. Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C)—In view of the reiterated demands from France and Germany, recently that Britain should do a deal on her fishing contribubution to the EEC, will be make it clear that the Prime Minister's assurance still stands—that there is no way in which we are going to do a trade-off on fishing, par-

Sir Ian Gilmour—I am not sure that there has been this demand from Germany. He knows our position. We made it clear to our partners that we are anxious to make progress on all Community problems and that they should be dealt with ou their own merits. with on their own merits.

Some of our partners would like to see a number of problems brought together in a single package for decision by the European Cornell.

We note their views, but believe it would be in the interests of the Community as a whole to make progress on all these issues and solve each as soon as possible. I entirely agree about the importance of lish to this country.

Mr Norman Ruchan (West Ren-

Mr Norman Buchan (West Ren-frewshire, Lab)—The resolution passed by the Labour Party in Scotland at the weekend called for us to leave the Common Market. Would this not receive the over-whelming support of the British neonle? people I so Cilmour—It is possible to exaggerate the importance of recommendations by the Scottish conference of the Labour Party. It is plain that the Labour Party did nothing to solve this problem when it was in power.

when it was in power.

The financial mechanism it bought in in 1975 turned out to be

the Community. We are negotiating in our own way, furnity and sensibly, and we do not believe that the uttering of impotent fixeats is the right way to proceed. Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lablether side of the House would wish the Government to utter impotent threats in relation to the hodget contribution, but what about attering a few potent threats instead? (Labour cheers.) A remedy lies clearly in our own threats instead? (Labour cheers.)
A remedy lies clearly in our own hands. It is, as the Prime Minister said, our own money that we are dealing with. Why not make it plain that if we do not get satisfaction we will see to it that we achieve broad balance by our own acts?

Sir Ian Gilmour—This is the sort of attitude he takes to the Community when he is in opposition. It is not quite the same when he is in zovernment. We have to It is not quite the same when he is in government. We have to take a responsible attitude and the uttering of potent or impotent threats is not the right way to get our way in this matter. We are pursuing our negotiations firmly and robustly. We have made a certain amount of progress. A lot more remains to be done, but the history of diplomatic negotiations throughout the ages proves that the uttering of

threats is not the best way or proceeding.

Mr. Nigel Spearing (Newham,
South, Lab)—Will he give the
House an assurance that Mrs
Thatcher will not accept any offers
of off-setting grants even if they
fully displace matters which are
the proper responsibility of the
United Kingdom budget.

If grants are offered in respect
of roads, runnels or docks, it
means that our money is being sent
to Brussels for them to decide
what should be spent in this
country.

Sir Ian Gilmour—He misunderstands the point. If he reads the

sir Ian Gilmonr—He misunderstands the point. If he reads the
Community document he will see
they put forward the sort of areas
in which Community money could
be spent. That would be subject
to our agreement and that is what
we have been discussing with the
Community in Brussels.
Mr. Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C)—The CAP does
about as much for the long-term
prospects of the European Community as Carabosse, the wicked
fairy, did for the wakefulness of
The Sleeping Beauty.
Since in the current negotiations Britain holds all the cards—
the markets for agricultural produce and manufactured goods, the
fish and the oil—will he insist at
this meeting that an immediate
short-term plan is devised for
slaughtering this monster so that
we have financial equity?

matter. If we get our budget or tribution solved that will a enough for one conference. enough for one comercace.

Mr Marlow on later excepts
asked—If we do not get a sat
factory solution rapidly, ',
suggestion put forward by 3
Callagian, Leader of the Orn
sition, about withholding Va
payments has got a great to
of support among Conservat
MPs. Sir Ian Gilmov position spokesmen on foreign of Commonwealth affairs (Cree Lab)—The own resources syst of financing the Community is crazy system which works siron against our interests.

Why is he not looking at so other means of financing

Temporary curb for mackerel

Mr Robert Hicks (Bodmin, C) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, what further measures the Government was taking to meet the need to protect the western mackerel stocks.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State, said in a written reply: The Government has decided to introduce a fisheries conservation measure designed to protect the smaller fish in this stock. The measure, which will come into force on March 17, will prohibit until November 15 this year the use by vessels from any country while fishing for mackerel of trawls with a mesh size smaller than 70 mm, and of purse seines, in an area of about 4,000 square mautical miles off south-west Cornwall. western mackerel stocks.

This measure has been notified to the European Commission and we have been informed that it will be approved.

BA to get new Concorde

Mr Norman Tebbit, Under Secretary for Trade, said in a written reply: The previous Government announced on April 3, 1979, that a sixth British built Concorde would be placed with British Airways. The aircraft is expected to enter carries later the year. The seventh British built Concorde has been allocated remporarily to British Alrways to maintain supersonic services while one of its original fleet of five Concordes is undergoing repair. The Government has indicated that they would ment has indicated that they would be prepared to consider proposals from British Airways for the per-

Neutrality for Afghanistan the best way out of a serious situation

The suggestion that Afghanistan should be neutral would be the best way out of the serious situation facing the world, Sir Ian Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, said during questions.

We believe (he said) that a declaration by an independent Afghan Government that Afghanistan should be neutral and non-aligned would be in accordance with that country's traditional role, with the needs of the present situation and with the desire of people of the region for peace.

Since the concept of neutrality was put forward on February 19, we and other members of the Nine have commended the proposal to the Soviet Government. We are speaking also to other countries.

Mir David Stoddart (Swindon,

Mr David Stoddart (Swindon, Lab)—Would he not agree that the constructive initiative undertaken constructive initiative innertance by Lord Carrington is preferable to trading insults across the world? If there is a significant response or gesture from the Soviet Union, would affect or influenct the Government's position on the sending of a team of British athletes to the Olympic Games?

Sir Ian Gilmour—I agree that an sir ian Gimbur-1 agree that an initiative of this sort is better than trading insults. As for the Olympic Games, it is for the Soviet Union to create conditions suitable for athletes to take part and that would mean withdrawal from Afghanistan by the Soviet Union ghanistan by the Soviet Union.

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East, C)—How far are his proposals for a neutral and non-aligned Afghanistan in accordance with the wishes of the people of that Country?

Does he not agree that the only terms of neutrality which the Soviet Union would accept will be more likely to mean a Finlandization rather than a neutralization of

Sir Ian Gilmour—The suggestion of neutrality is the best way out of the present serious situation. There is nothing new about neutrality for Afghanistan. It is in the tradition of that country.

Mr Leslie Spriggs (St Helens, Lab)—The autonomous govern-Lab)—The autonomous govern-ment of Afghanistan has an inde-pendent right to invite any state to come to her aid in the event of danger within her borders. What right has Britain or Ameri-

ca to interfere in the affairs of Afghanistan, bearing in mind there is a great deal of blood dropped from the hands of Britain and America way back in history? America way back in instory?

Sir Ian Gilmour—What an extraordinary question, It is not at all
clear that the Government of Afghanistan is autonomous or that it
asked the Soviet Union to intervene. The only people interferring
in Afghanistan are the 70,000 or
80,000 Soviet troops there. (Conservative cheers.)

that the Soviet Union is prepared to cooperate in the setting-up of such an independent Afghanista

government?

Sir Ian Gilmour—So far, statements in the Soviet Union have neither expressed a willingness to carry matters forward nor rejected the proposal. If the Soviet forces withdraw, the sort of Government he has in mind will be likely to appear in Afghanistan.

Mr Peter Shore, Chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—I see nothing but advance in the concept of a neutralized or non-aligned Afghanistan. I hope this idea will prosper.

He should say more at this stage,

He should say more at this stage if the proposal is to gather momen tum about how exactly the people of Afghanistan are to be able to get a government of their own choice in Kabul. Sir Ian Gilmour—There is of course a distinction between a neutralized and a neutral Afghanistan.
The first indicates this would be imposed; the second indicates it would be voluntary. This is what

we have in mind. The democratic processes in Afgasked the Soviet Union to intervene. The only people interferring in Afghanistan are the 70,000 or \$80,000 Soviet troops there. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Charles Fletcher - Cooke {Darwen, C}—Are there any signs

staff should refuse to admit prisoners A number of people in prison at people than at the moment present, those suffering from alcohol problems, should not be there at all, Mr Keith Best (Anglesey, C) said when he raised office the police were stronger than when it took

Dangerous to suggest

on the second reading of the Con-solidated Fund (No 2) Bill the additional burden on prison staff. He said burdens and strains were placed on lives of prison officers by the amount of overtime they had to do. The Bill provided for increased payments to prison staff, mainly for additional overtime.

tional overtime.

Since the Criminal Justice Act, 1977, nobody could be directly imprisoned as a result of drunkenness. However, there would still be those who were fined and could not pay their fines, or chose not to, and who would be imprisoned in default, and those who went to prison as a result of other offences which had tevertheless been generated through the theless been generated through the consumption of alcohol.

consumption of alcohol.

There should be continuing funding of detoxification centres until it could be proved that there was an alternative and better method of keeping persons with an alcohol problem out of prison.

There was still no comprehensive rehabilitation programme.

sive rehabilitation programme.

Mr Ronald Brown (Backney, South
and Shoreditch, Lab) said a plan
to manufacture furniture in
prisons would put an enormous
burden on prison staff.

Manufacturers were taking great
exception to this.

Mr Robert Khroy-Silk (Ormskirk,
Leb) said if prison officers felt
their burden was excessive, and
that their grievances were suffitheir burden was excessive, and that their grievances were sufficient to warrant industrial action, they should not impose sanctions which had little or no effect, on the Home Office and the Home Office did not hear about, and if they did, did not care about. It would be far better if they refused to take prisoners once a prison had reached its certified normal accommodation. That would have an electrifying and immediate impact on the Home Office and the Government.

Office and the Government Office and the Government.

Prison was used as a social dustbin into which the flotsam and
jetsam of society was put. Alcoholics, vagrants, prostitutes, drug addicts and the mentally ordered ought not to be in the penal system.

Dr Shirley Summerskill, an Oppo-

sition spokesman on home affairs (Halifax, Lab) said successive governments had found the greatest limiting factor in relieving the burden on prison staff was financial. Unfortunately there was little public support for more expenditure on prisons.

If they were going to reduce the number of people in prison and reduce the burden on staff, they had to keep questioning the benefit of custodial sentences. She broped the Government would assure the House that the use of community service orders would continue to be encouraged and also that they would be made eroments had found the grea

steadily. The most effective terrent to potential crime was certainty of arrest and convict Mr Leon Brittan, Minister of St. amutesty for petty offenders shi trative basis. When the courts tenced an offender within powers they had and subject. remission that had been laid or in advance, they were doing so thing they were entitled to do. It was immical to the concep the rule of law, except in the n there to be an executive inter-

basis of securing pro tauto a of jail deliverance. They were working toward reduction in the number juversles in custody in prestablishments. The next step that direction was currently o

tion of that kind simply on basis of securing pro tanto a

because prison conditions were prison officers ought to refuse admit prisoners over and above normal accommodation of pris

and also to refuse to admit mentally disordered or alcoho

That was a dangerous and i sponsible suggestion. Mr Kil: sponsible suggestion. Mr Mi: Silk was suggesting that the hould be disregarded, that d sions as to who should go prison should be taken not by courts carrying out the law of land but on a completely unoff back by prison officers. It was basis by prison officers. It was suggestion that was incompat

with the rule of 124. In 1978, 2,600 people had b imprisoned for failing to pay di kenness fines. There was no do that the centres set up at Le and Manchester to dealwith problem of keeping drunks out prison were expensive to oper. The DHSS were assessing the value but the results would not available until 1981.

However, Leeds statis showed that 50 per cent of th admitted left within 24hours. figures showedthat drunks nee-only relatively simple places which tosober up but those v wished to have further treatm had access to it.

They had been examining facilities for the homeless to whether it could be extended cater for people with drink pr lems. They were looking at a sympathetically although he co not make a firmal announcem-today.

manent allocation of the seventh Concorde to the airline but no such proposals have so far been received. Bridging gap between north and south

The report of the Independent Commission on International Derelopment Issues (the Brandt Report) was a challenge to the imaginative statesmanship of the leaders of every national government, The Earl of Listowel (Lab) said when introducing a debate on the report on the report.

They should (he said) respond now while there is still hope for the future and before we have been overtaken by another 1929. I very much hope the Government The report was the most important publication on relations between developed and developing countries since the Pearson report

in 1969. It recommended a pro-gramme of world economic re-covery which had unanimous support from all members. A debt of gratitude was owed to the members of the commission for the preparation of a recovery programme which they believed would stop the inevitable drift

towards increasing poverty and international tensions. In the south an expanding population would be bound to stimulate a greater demand for food. In the comparatively affluent north, industrial countries were in the midst of a severe recession with about 18 million people unem-

Was it possible to merge the desperately urgent needs of the south to the under use of human and industrial capacity in the north? The report answered this in the affirmative.

In the affirmative.

The most important proposal was for the financing of the recovery programme by a massive transfer of resources from the north to the south. This would be comparable to the Marshall Plan which restored the shattered economics of western Europe after the last war. the last war.

He wanted the Government to make a careful and serious study of the Brandt report taking into account public and parliamentary opinion and also the likely repercussions on Commonwealth partners.

Lord Wedderburn of Charlton (Lab) said the proposed system was a deplorable mistake. The Government was wrong to put it forward as necessary to the central schools problem of the British educational system. Secondly the Government should. review its policy towards develop-ing countries and in particular the policy of overseas aid in light of the recommendations in the report. Lord Tanlaw (L) said some of the Lord Tanlaw (L) said some of the recommendations seemed to have been made before, ried out and found washing. Some of the recommendations for the south should first be applied to the torth so that the world monetary system would survive long enough to provide a stable credit base. He could not see how the North and Britain in particular, with unemployment approaching two million, an inflation rate of 17 per cent and interest rates to

burdens on some countries in the There were two serious ommissions from the report. No considerations had been given to

the impact of nuclear power on economies of the south or the effect of the microchip process revolution which was destined to take place in the 1980s and 1990s. party gave warm support to the general concept of world government which could be brought one step nearer if the main objectives of the repordt could be achieved. Lord Goronwy-Roberts (Lab), for

the Opposition, said the wider the gap between rich and poor regions, the more likely it was that tension instead of detente would take over. It was one of the melancholy facts of the last 10 to 15 years that proportionately the less developed countries were more clamourous to buy armaments than the developed countries. When they needed every penny they could spare to develop the life of their people somebow they fest they must arm.

The report was a state paper for all countries and all governments. It was a programme for survival. The aim of the report should be to help the north help the south and persuade east and west to work together to survive

together. Lord Chorley (Lab), in a maiden speech, said that it was reasonable to assume that official aid would not be reduced. More effort needed to go into tackling managerial and organizational problems in technical assistance and there was a need to develop imaginative arrangements like the Lone Convention.

Lord Vernon (C), said that Britain should increase aid to developing countries whether bilaterally or multilaterally, on the one condition that those countries must take account of efforts to curb the population explosion. Aid to a country which took no steps to curb population growth money poured down the drain.

New Archbishop The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Rev Robert Alexander Kennedy Runcie, took his seat. His sponsors were the Bishops of London and Durham.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.30: National Health Services
invalid Direction) Bill: renaining
stages. Motions on Northern Ireland
Appropriation and County Courts Orders.
House of Lords
Today at 5: Education (No 2) Bill.

Trade-off denied by

minister There has been no bargain at the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva between Britain and the Soviet Union that harov, Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during exchanges about the Madrid review of the Helsinki agreement.

He said that preparations were continuing for the review, although much would depend on Soviet action between now and November when the Madrid review took place. Mr Tim Salnsbury (Hove, C)-

Does the minister recall Soviet objections to discussion of human rights provisions at the Belgrade review? It is human rights aspects which most require attention and if we

are to make progress on security in Europe, it would be intolerable if the Madrid conference did not in-clude human rights and if it did not figure as the most important Mr Blaker (Blackpool, South, C)-

It will certainly figure on the agenda at Madrid. It is right that we should discuss all aspects of the Helsinki Final Act. On the matter of preservation of peace, we shall also want to discuss that in the light of recent events in Afghanis-tan.

Mr Phillip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab) asked Mr Blaker to comment on press reports that Britain had agreed to drop its re-quest for information from the Soviet Union about Academician Sakharov in return for the Soviet Usion dropping their request for information about Northern Ireland. Surely if we want to raise human rights, this kind of tradeoff was not the right way. Mr Blaker-I am glad to be able to assure Mr Whitehead that there was no such bargain as he has just suggested and was implied in some

press reports. What happened was that the What happened was that the Soviet Union decided of their own volition to drop their motion on Northern Ireland, perhaps recognizing that it would not be successful, and the Western countries agreed to a proposal that the item on Dr Sakharov which has been well ventilated, should be placed first on the agenda at the next session of the Human Rights Commission. mission.

Sir Frederic Bennett (Torbay, C)will the ministers confirm that if one or two powers decline to attend the Madrid conference, as one could well understand, the conference will nevertheless go ahead despite some empty seats? Mr Blaker-It is our intention that the conference should go ahead as things stand at present. The con-ference is of 35 European countrie and it does not depend solely on the volution of one country or

Redressing balance that lies against patients when making complaints

The balance of advantage lay heavily against an individual patient making a complaint and overwhelmingly lu favour of the hospital authorities, Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab) said when he was given leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Health Service Commissioner to investigate matters of chinical judgment. He said its aim was to prevent the medical establishment gagging a natient by murmuring the incantation " chinical judgment".

When people suffered damage or disaster they had a right to know what went wrong and why it went wrong. They had a right to seek the truth, but that right was curtailed by the present system and, as a consequence, patients were denied an explanation to which they were entitled.

At present, complaints were investigated by health authorities and as they were ultimately-responsible, they were sitting as defendants and judges.

It was misleading and idle to pretend such a system guaranteed independent scrutiny. It placed the

Road deaths In the 20 years 1960-1979 143,000 people were killed and 1,750,000 seriously injured in road accidents, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary Secretary for Transport said in a written reply.

Legal services Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Under Secre-tary for Scotland said in a written answer that the report of the Royal Commission on Legal Services in Scotland was likely to be published Even when that authority acres

with great care, its decisions were open to the charge of a whitewash by aggrieved patients and there was always the lurking doubt that the medical authorities were prorective the medical establishment Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Sourbridge, C), opposing the Bill, said they most in the main trust their doctors, nurses and surgeons, they were human beings and capable of error. The question was been these difficulties could be those difficulties could be overcome. It was not wise or sensible that it

should be overcome by allowing the parliamentary commissioner a vast new extension of power in a rotally unknown sphere without the gravest deliberation.

As ordinary people, they did not have theknowledge or training to question the clinical judgment of the medical profession. He feared that cometimes today in a modern that sometimes today in a modern democracy complaints themselves had become a sort of disease. If life (he said) is to be lived from the cradle to the grave, let us hope it will not be just one long Complaint.
The Bill was read a first time.

and also that they would be made available perhaps for younger Protest at TV film on Welsh bombings

MrMerlyn Rees, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, on a point of order, said that in Wales there was a bombing campaign tak-ing place on houses of English twohouses. He was given to understandthat tonight a programme was going out on the BBC in Wales which

would show levices and it would

part in these bombings.
the reporter said that they said great care was taken not tocause injury to life and limbbut they would get hurt at some time or They shouldhear from the Government what it was going to do about it. Nobody wantedto stop genuine ideas coming out on televi-

sion even from those theydisa-greed with. But this was a matter

cellor of the Duchy of Lancash and Leader of the House, said Home Secretary (Mr Whitela who was unable to be press attached great importance tol Rees's intervention. He woulded Rees's intervention. He wouldo vey to Mr Whitelaw at the earli opportunity what Mr Rees h

Many difficulties on EEC passport overcome

Strasbourg European Parliament New moves towards a uniform New moves towards were announced by Signor Giuseppe Zamberletti, Italian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and President of the Council. He said the Italian presidency had decided to reactivate the mathad decided to reactivate the matter and would try to get a positive solution by the end of June.

Parliament was discussing a European People's Party resolution stressing the importance of and urgent need for a common passport to give people tangible evidence that they shared a common destiny and to provide an outward sign of their solidarity within a single community.

The resolution also invited the Council of Ministers to consider how far, without prejudice to council of Ministers to consider how far, without prejudice to security, passport controls might be gradually reduced at borders inside the Community. It emphasized that any further unjustified delay could jeopardize the confidence of citizens in the capacity of governments and parliaments of member exists and of the Council governments and parliaments of member states and of the Council and Commission to act.

and Commission to act.
Signor Mario Pedini (Italy, EPP)
said the matter was mentioned as
long ago as 1974 at the Paris summit and now a decision was necessary. Now the House had been
directly elected by the people of
Europe it had more authority to
press for a decision.
Signor Zamberjetti said it was nor
possible to everet thortoner signor Zamberseth said it was not possible to expect short-term progress on frontier controls. On a uniform passport, there had been a lot of sarrasm about the Council's alleged inability to agree on minor details such as the languages and colour to be used. Most of these EPP) said that all too often Com-munity institutions seemed a theoretical structure far removed from the lives of the people and the motion was an effort to bring in a new dimension. It was necessdifficulties had been overcome. There had been agreement on ary that people should consider themselves European. The pass-

Only a few minor questions were unsolved. But the political difficulties and misgivings encountered by some member states could not be ignored. But the Italian presidence had

But the Italian presidence had decided to reactivate the matter and it had been taken up in Council last week. I am not able (he said) to tell you today whether our attempt will be successful and if it will be possible before the end of the Italian presidence to reach a solution. But I assure you that we will leave no stone unturned because we are certain that every step, however small, towards a better understanding will be a significant milestone in the building of Europe. Such a passport would be a practical and obvious symbol in bringing Europeans closer.

sig Jirt Pelikan (Italy, Soc), for the Socialist Group, said a uniform passport would go towards achiev-ing civil rights for all citizens. It was not wanted simply as a sop to public opinion to make people believe in imaginary progress but as a symbol of a forward-moving community. community.

Everyone knew about security,
but millions should not have to but millions should not have to undergo humiliating checks be-cause of a few dozen terrorists. Spies and terrorists today (he continued) carry diplomatic pass-ports—(laughter)—and are im-mune from checks, it is ordinary citizens who are harried. Herr Otto Habsburg (Germany,

port would be the first step.
Mr Thomas Spencer (Derbyshire,
ED) said he wished to draw the
council's attention to a new technological development. The international civil aviation authority
had canvassed the possibility of
machine-readable passports. It
hoped to phase out certain passport and immigration officials by
machines.

He then displayed a more ween He then displayed a mock up which, he said, had been issued by the Foreign Office in London, of a

machine readable passport. Said it was issued in the nam said it was issued in the name of Sir Walter Scott, though that great figure would not have recognized the need in his age for passports when travelling amid European civilization.

A machine-readable passport (he said) offers the opportunity of rapid transit through the airports of Furnity and an end to the

rapid transit through the airports of Europe and an end to the queues which at times make our lives miserable.

He welcomed the motion and said the Council should incorporate the latest technology in any proposals to harmonize with a European passort. uropean passport. Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer (Netherlands, LD), for the Liberal Group, said he did not believe the Americans had customs officials on the borders of the lifty states to try to cominat terrorism.

borders of the fifty states to try to combat terrorism. Europeans should be able to travel through Europe without hinderance.

Why can we not have (he asked) a mock up of an identity paper or passport? If this were put on the agenda of the next European Council we would know which governments were against it. The Netherlands would be in favour.

Mee Else Hammerich (Denmark. Mrs Else Hammerich (Denmark, TCDG) said everyone dreamed of the day when they could freely cross frontiers without any con-

trol. Nordic people could travel Scandinavia without showing passport. But a massive number people would be against passpo union. Many Danes were again any union.

People (she said) want to ket their identity and do not want become part of a great mass ar this is true of most Danes.

She spoke on behalf of Danis.

anti-marketeers and would vo against the motion. against the motion.

Mrs Suranne Dekker (Netherland Ind) said she believed no terrorichad been caught at borders while showing a passport to the custom: They knew how to slip over froitiers despite the controls. She was not against a European passpoil but would abstain in the votin because the motion was faulty. Mr Anthony Simpson (Northamptonshire, ED) said the reason of derlying failure to get agreemen on a common passport was the same as that underlying the Community's failure in other areas total absence of political will. When recession loamed and economic and social problem turned nations in on themselves when European union was not longer seen as an immediate goz and nacrow national advantage were the watchword, this passportion of the watchword, this passportion of the watchword, this passportion of the watchword, the passportion of the watchword, this passportion of the watchword and the watchword of the wat

the watchword, this pass would be a token of citizenshi Europe with a common desday.

Let us for once (he said) have a
little inspiration and a little
encouragement. Mr Poul Moller (Denmark, ED) said a European passport was un-necessary, and it was laughable to fight about colour.

Mr Leo Tindemans (Belgium, EPP) Said it would not cost the council anything to make a gesture. The resolution was approved.

Lord Avebury (L) said that if the interested advisory bodies and the unions, still needed more detailed work. The governors had to make BBC's request to raise the licence fee had been granted there would have been no question of having to sold) and it is not only unprece-dented but uccharacteristic of the BBC. number of painful decisions and

clans of any broadcasting organiza-

It was entirely a matter for the BBC governors to decide how to

The proposal to disband the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra had outraged the entire musical world BEC governors to decide how to deploy BBC resources within the total income available to the corporation. The governors' present broad proposals, which would be subject to consultation with the interested advisory bodies and the content of the co tests the Government should consider formally requesting the BBC net to do it. Lord Boothby said during questions.

This is an act of vandalism (he adjustments.
Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge
(Lab), for the Opposition, said the
BBC made the biggest contribution
to music and indirectly to musi-Lord Sandys, Captain, Yeomen of the Guard, said the Government were aware that the proposed cuts had made front page news in Scot-

Disbanding of orchestra 'act of vandalism' tion in the world. They had made November, 1979, was for at least their needs clearly known, which was to have not less than £40 for the licence, and they only got £34. That left them in a difficult position.

cut any orchestra; The Government should reconsider the refusal to allow the BBC to have the revenue Lord Sandys said the increase in

the liceace fee which took place in

two years. Lord Ross of Marnock (Lab) said there had been a considerable there had been a considerable resurgence of musical life in Scotland, but this decision would be disastrous. This was not the time to impoverish Scotland or the regions.

Lord Sandys said that that was a matter for internal organization within the BBC.

One of the central issues had been the extension of local radio and the extension of BBC services during a time of strict shortage.

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John Roper and Services mespondent floopital ward sisters on the iximum pay scale may benefit an extra f7 to f8 a week and

of nurses by £5 to £6 a week der an agreement reached sterday on a shorter working ek of 371 hours. The agreement was reached

a meeting of the General nities Council, which decided at local health authorities, if my agreed that it was possible under strained budgets, ould be allowed to introduce a shorter week from April 2 shorter week from April I, year earlier than planned. Nurses who work for authori-is who decide to take that p will receive the same wage they receive for the present

they receive for the present hour week. The Royal College of Nursing id last night their it had no a how many authorisies puld make the change. Nurses criticism of the tent Clege commission contrability award, which gave am average salary increases 19.6 per cent at a cost of 11m, emphasized that the reases were based on a 373-ur week, although that was t due to come in until April 81.

That, apparently, is still the cention, but if health authoris are in difficulties with, for ample, recruitment, they may w pay the extra money. here nurses continue to work 40-hoor week they may be id for the extra two and a if hours under what is called un time rate, a fraction of

Nurses may Ban by council staffs could increase bills for ratepayers

By Christopher Warman Local Government

Ratepayers could be faced with even bigger hills than expected if the ban on work to send out rate demands by the National and Local Government force interest rates up." Officers' Association (Nalgo)

The refusal of local authority staff dealing with the rates, and those who are involved in the computers which work out the bills, could cause a serious

shortage of money for councils. That action was described yesterday as "an inepr stab in the back " at a time of serious financial and political difficulty by the Association of Council-lors, an independent group of local authority members. In a statement it said that the result of such action would be to force councils to borrow money at high interest rates to keep ser-

vices going.
Nalgo, which represents
500,000 local authority whitecollar staff, instructed its memcolar start, instructed its members on Tuesday to stop work on the collection of the rates, just as rate demands are being prepared throughout the country.

Mr. Richard Emmout, the deputy director of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and

Accountancy, said the serious-ness of the situation depended "Rate demands go out from now, but local authorities do not expect to get much money in for a month after the financial year begins."

were not solely dependent on rate income, but would need to borrow money in the short term to fill the gap if the dispute was not settled quickly. "If there is a need to borrow money, the extra pressure might

Mr Brian Hill, secretary of continues for more than a short the Rating and Valuation Association, commented: "If local authorities cannot get the demand notes out, people cannot pay because they will not know how much is due. That will face councils with borrowing, for

which the rates are very high." Mr Hill said that some councils might have sufficient money in their contingency funds to pay a few bills, but that would not last long in most cases. "It might become necessary for

might become necessary for councils to defer payment of some bills", he said.

One question was whether raining staff were to carry on with their work up to the point of posting the rate demands. If that was the case, there would be a further delay in completing the work, he said.

Most authorities use commun.

Most authorities use compu-ters to process rate demands, and work on these will be almost completely shut down. In rural areas some of the smaller authorities may still hope to get their demands out in time to errive on April 1. A strike of computer staff in London three years ago delayed bills to ratepayers in several boroughs for up to four months.

Local government survived, and householders eventually paid their bills.

Diving to be resumed on Henry VIII warship

By Annabel Ferriman

Diving is to begin again in three weeks on the Mary Rose, the 700-ton warship of Henry VIII which sank in the Solent in 1545, and it is hoped to raise the hull in the summer of 1982. Members of the Mary Rose Trust, which was set up in 1978 to excavate the remains of the ship, announced yesterday their plans to explore it over the next two summers. Two hundred volunteer divers hope to re-trieve weapons, clothing, cook-ing vessels and other personal objects before the ship is raised. So far the ship, which was the pride of Henry VIII's fleet and probably sank because of poor handling and overloading has produced Britain's earliest ship gun carriage, the earliest piece of dated English domestic pew-ter and a whole collection of longbows, arrows and other

ously only one Tudor arrow was known to exist in Britain.

archery equipment, when previ-

More than £300,000 has been spent on exploring the wreck, which is said to be in excellent condition, but the total cost of removing the contents and lifting is expected to be about f1.5m. About £100,000 has been raised or promised for this

When hitted from the seabed, the ship is to be displayed in a new museum being planned at Portsmouth; the city coun-cil has earmarked a 12-acre site on former Ministry of Defence



Dominoes, gaming boards, A ship gun carriage, one of the earliest combs and candlesticks have came from the Mary Rose, a Tudor warship.

Although the starboard side of the ship has been well preserved by the fine silt of the Solent, the port side has been eroded, so only half the ship is left.

Mrs Margaret Rule, the pro-ject's archaeological director, said that the date of raising the ship has had to be postponed by a year to allow for 10 months' diving over the next

land at Eastney, near where the 130ft ship sank in full view of the king.

Although the starboard side of the ship has been well preserved by the fine silt of the Royal Navy, has announced new long term plans for the naval dockyard at Portsmouth (Our

> He is hoping that a section of the yard, including HMS Victory and the naval museum, will be fenced off as an exhibition area.

Fine art 'watchdogs' to fight amenity blight

The Royal Fire Art Commission intends to play a more active and interventionist role in preventing the modern blight of undesirable building develop-

Sourced by its new secretary, Mr Sherban Cantacuzino, former executive editor of Architectural Review, the august but hitherto somewhat reticent body held its first full-scale meeting with the press.

is meeting with the press. Its members, aware of past criticism of being toothless warchdogs, made clear that they did not seek a bureaucratic starus whereby they would automatically be summoned to give their views at public in-

They wished to maintain their independent advisory role and not to become too closely involved in planning pro-

But it was generally admitted

that in many cases their advice had been sought far too late. Instead of being able to reject schemes altogether, they had been obliged to attempt to tidy them up and make them less obviously objectionable.

In future they would seek to improve communications so that they would be in a position to offer advice at an early stage before planning permission was granted or contracts

Sir Derman Christopherson, commission's chairman, made clear that in some instances it would take a hard line and refuse to consider any development. As an example he cited the present plans to build houses in the grounds of Witanhurst, overlooking Hampstead Heath.

The commission also announced yesterday that it had joined forces with the Historic Buildings Council in opposing principle any building in

Farmland loss 'accelerating

A call for alternatives to the accelerating loss of farmland to sand and gravel extraction was made yesterday by Mr Fionn Holford-Walker, secretary of the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

Alternatives should include restoration and conservation of materials by renovating buildings rather than tearing then down; the use of low-grade materials where possible; the extension of railways to obviate new road building; the reduction of constraints on

quarries *.
Mr Holford-Walker, who was addressing a seminar in London on mineral extraction and planning organized by the Town and Country Planning Association, said that of present trends nearly 200 square miles of Britain would be worked for

"With 117 square miles of farmland being lost to other uses every year, the nation cannot afford erosion of its agri-

sand and gravel in the next

IEC plan for language uid to minorities

me Affairs Correspondent Educationists are being ged in an EEC directive to roduce a new approach to sching children of estimic norities with language diffi-

in a new quarterly, the Jour-1 of Multilingual and Multi-Itural Development, Dr rity Saifullah Khan describes "disturbing" a cread show-g a loss of total communica-

n between parents and ildren in minority families fore the child starts school. some cases minority ildren refuse to speak the other-tongue at home except essential for example a non-English speaking

After a time many parents in nority families appreciate n their culture and language
being undermined, she says,
riain minorities may consider
ir language to be a vital
aracteristic of their culture

sir religion. Conversely, in several minoriseveral decades hence there Il be many children aged five uring school who can speak

ry little English.

The EEC directive about the ovision of teaching in the ild's mother, tongue has been dely debated. It does not the the provision compulsory t says it should depend on anional circumstances and anional success.

al systems.

The directive carries a stateent of intent that facilities
ould be provided for children
immigrant workers from outle the EEC.

Dr Khan, director of the Linguistic Minorities Project at London University's Institute of Education, says the debate has involved parents and bodies from various minorities organizing provision and expressing concern.

The Coordinating Committee for Mother-tongue Teaching, in-volving European, South Asian and other minorities, was founded in 1976. The Department of Education

Development appears to be in favour of bilingual education as a transitional measure to help the move to English. Instruction in the mother

ongoing use of both languages as mediums of instruction throughout the school."

Results of research among Finnish children in Sweden indicate, for example, that those children who had the

ord Butler calls No-go areas for NF seen or new law on eranged killers Our Home Affairs Trespondent

Government failure to act on commendations by the Comittee on Abnormal Offenders is criticized by Lord Butler Saffron Walden, the comittee's chairman has night. He spoke to the Griffins ciety in London of worth-tile work being wasted by failure to interporate in fegision a new formula to guide does in sentencing manderers use minds were disprisered. Indges rely on the Manughar Rules, made in 1840. We are informed by many with sees that those rules were out date." Lord Buder said. His committee regretted the

His committee regretted the ss of a protective environ-ent for inadequates in local

ychiatric hospitals.
Sometimes they were glad to
t back to prison, where they
and the routine familiar. Lord Butler spoke of delay Mr. Rees explained that he providing security units for was not saying that people with mentally disordered. It is those feelings would support the years since those proposals was not saying that people with those feelings would support the years since those proposals. The saw such people were racialist. He saw such feelings in the containing. He hoped the Covernment of withdrawat from Empire ent would not neglect that

as desirable

subjective basis because the Home Secretary did not like the views expressed.

He spoke of the need for leadership in race relations because, left to liself, there is very strong anti-immigrant and country.

and a greater sense of insu-larity.

Jublin synod in favour of rdaining women

om Our Correspondent

The Dublin and Glendalough nod of the Church of Ireland clared itself in favour of the lination of women to the esthood at its meeting on that there were no theological enday. It has also worted in objections, which were not much of the remarkage of fundamental but which mattered onced persons in church to many people.

The Archbishop of Dublin, He said that a committee Most Rev Henry McAdoo, which had been examining the men to the priesthood oright
to be decided on the base
women's rights. This, has
hing to do with the question

of ordination. Nobody, men or woman, has a right to ordina-tion.

It has been argued, he said, that there were no fundamental objections to the ordination of women, but that was not to say that there were no theological objections, which were no fundamental but which mattered

d the matter of ordinating question of ordination over the past few years had noted that chewhere in the Anglican Com-munion it fad proved to be

and Science has founded a pro-ject teaching the mother tongue in schools in Bradford.

tongue enables the normal cur-riculum to be carried on while English is taught as a second

English as language.

"The type of scheme, as yet unknown in Britain, that aims at maintenance and literacy of the mother tengue, would involve, some would argue, the both language.

opportunity to develop their mother tongue were the best learners of Swedish. "These results suggest that, at least in this situation, children will not

this situation, children will not learn the second language properly unless they first develop their mother tongue."

Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development (Tieto Ltd. 4 Bellevue Mansons, Bellevue Road, Clevedon, Avon, BS21 7NU: Annual subscription for individuals, £5.50). for individuals, £5.50).

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent Mr Merlyn Rees, shadow Home Secretary, said yesterday that there were certain areas of high immigration where the National Front should not be allowed to march. He told a Commonwealth Institute seminar on race relations that it would be difficult, however, to frame legislation to cover such a ban. Speaking more generally The price of a single roll of draught excluder tape is all you need to begin

Speaking more generally about demonstrations, he said:
As Home Secretary I would not want to take the basic decision on whether to ban a march" It would be done on a

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European transport chief calls on **Britain and France to make** Channel tunnel decision this year

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

In a strong appeal to Britain and France to reach early agreement on the Channel tunnel, Mr Richard Burke, the European Economic Community's Commissioner for Trans-port, said yesterday: "The time has come to make up our minds. The time is historically attuned to this great enter-

Speaking in London in the first of a series of press conferences to stimulate public interest in the project, M. Burke, formerly the Irish Republic's Foreign Minister, said he wanted to "get a decision this year or go down as the guy who tried and failed".

While it was for the Government to decide whether to go ahead, the EEC would give strong support to a proposal of positive benefit to the Community's trade and tourism, he

The extent of EEC financial support would be for the Community to decide; there were several possibilities in the form of loans or grants. They should be seen as a longer rather than oe seen as a longer rather than a short-term response to Britain's budgetry difficulties with the EEC, and would not preclude short-term help for other transport projects.

Mr Burke declined to choose between the different kinds of

Man jailed for

second killing

From Our Correspondent

Harold Blackburn, aged 43,

who was jailed for seven years

11 years ago for killing a widow,

was sentenced by Mr Justice

Balcombe at Nottingham Crown

Court yesterday to life imprison-

ment for another killing. The

judge recommended that he

Mr Błackburn, a labourer, of Wensleydale Road, Long Eaton,

serve at least 15 years.

life after



Mr Richard Burke: "The Community will benefit".

Channel link, as that also was for the Government to decide, but said that the study for the commission by the consultants, Coopers and Librand, showed that all would pass the test set by the Treasury for public sector projects.

The single-tube rail tunnel proposed by British and French railways had a particular attraction as the most modest of the

It would have the highest rate of return overall and cause least disturbance to the environ-ment, but would do little for car and lorry transport.

A common sense solution might be an interim single-tube tunnel which could later be extended to a double tunnel or tunnel-bridge.

Mr Burke said it was clear from the Coopers and Librard study that the project would benefit the Community overall. although the main advantages would obviously go to Britain and France. Other members would benefit when industrial activity and trade were taken into account.

The net effect would be that a tunnel-bridge would make the Community as a whole better off, and even if Britain and France were to receive aid for the project, the benefits to the other members could offset it.

He was pleased that members of the European Parliament had consistently given the proposal strong support: The Council of Ministers was due to meet in Tune possibly a critical date for those who believe the Channel link was long overdue.

"My job is to push as hard as I can", Mr Burke said, "Let us decide to do it or stop messing about."

Former mayors for trial on corruption charges

Talbot, West Glamorgan, two businessmen and two companies were committed for trial at Cardiff Crown Court by Mr Alan Phillips, the Mid Glamorgan Stipendiary Magistrate, yesterday on conspiracy and corruption charges. Bail was

The accused are the former mayors, Graham Griffiths, aged 70, of Brombil Street, and James Hughes Warren, aged 52, of Acacia Close, both Port Talbot; Clifford John Thomas

allowed.

Two former mayors of Port Wyndham Gash, aged 53, a albot, West Glamorgan, two company director, of Merthyr usinessmen and two compa-Glamorgan.

Also charged are two com-panies, Transwide Travel Ltd, of Forge Road, Port Talbot, and Andrew Scott (Civil Engineers), of The Grange, Port Talbot. The four men and the two companies face a total of 45

Mr Michael Ryan, for the prosecution, said there were 46 witnesses and 1,300 exhibits. It is alleged that the two former councillors received London several

Old Father Thames gets a bank account

By Alan Hamilton

A film appeal fund was launched in London yesterday to provide a comfortable pension for Old Father Thames and to belp to eradicate the scars of a lifetime's drudgery as a commercial highway and public

ubish tip. London's prime natural asset, its river, is now cleaner than it has been for centuries, as industry has gravitated downstream to the sea. But although the water is pure enough for salmon to breathe, the Thames banks and islands still in many places carry the stigma of

neglect.
The Thames Heritage Trust, set up and registered as a charity last year, announced yesterday that it had received donations worth £100,000 towards its target, together with the offer of a site worth £250,000 at Kingston upon Thames to build a Thames Thames to build a Thames educational centre, museum and possibly an aquarium.

The fund is supported by a number of industrial and commercial companies on or near the river, and the appeal was set rolling last year with a £1,000 donation from Barclays Bank at Windsor.

Last month the trust carried

out its first project, the planting of trees at Teddington Lock, where the tidal Thames meets the sleepier upper reaches. Future projects are likely to be on a similar small scale, dealing with the erosion of river-banks, replacement of riverside trees, conversion of old gravel vorkings into marinas and the removal of driftwood and rubish from the water.

isg from the water. The trust has made itself pedionsly non-political Mr studiously non-political. Mr
John Coleman, chairman of the
fund and of a riverside electronics company at Feltham,
said vesterday: "There is a
need for people to be more conscious of the dangers of polittion and to have more respection, and to have more respect for the river.

"It is up to us, the public, to take the necessary action, and we need the trust to be and we need the trust to be able to provide professional ad-vice and financial resources free from any political or government influence." Mrs Margaret Powell, the trust organizer, said the trust's

Open government 'might erode neutrality of civil servants'

By Peter Hennessy
A confidential report on open
government prepared for the
Association of First Division

Association of First Division Civil Servants (FDA), the union representing Whitehall's senior administrators, economists, statisticians and lawyers, has found that the "Civil Service could probably live with a freedom of information Act without too much difficulty". The FDA is given a warning, however, that disclosure of private advice by civil servents to ministers on contentious policy issues could have serious constitutional implications,

implications, constitutional implications, leading to political influence on senior Whitehall appointments and the erosion of the tradition of a politically neutral Civil constitutional

The report, which the FDA executive committee decided last week to keep secret, was drafted by a team of three chaired by Mr Stephen Linstead, an assistant secretary at the Department of Trade, its other members were Mr Brian O'Brien, chairman of the FDA and an assistant solicitor at the Law Commission, and Mr Lawrence Brandes, an under-secretary at the Department of Education and Science.

Mr Linstead, in a research paper on which the report was based, suggests that to avoid expensive litigation a British freedom of information Act should be administered by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombuds

carry out a pilot study in one or more departments to gauge the extent of public demand for for study on disclosure.

Efforts to find a way of

punishing employers who col-lude with social security fraud

have failed, Mr Arthur Howell, head of policy on fraud at the Department of Health and

Social Security, said last night.
Drives begun under the previous Labour government had
failed to find any methods of

tackling that area of fraud that

were cost effective, he said on the BBC radio programme

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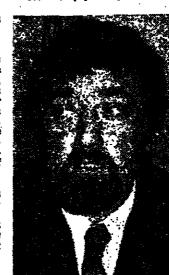
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disclosure of documents and the other hand, the committee is aware that open government could become a live issue at any moment, so the report should be kept on so the report should be kept on thus provide a more reliable estimate of the cost of a more general scheme ", he adds.

general scheme ", he adds.

The research paper was originally intended for circulation to FDA members as a discussion document. The FDA executive committee decided last Thursday, however, that its release would not be timely. Mr John Ward, the association's general secretary, explained:

The executive thought it was an extremely valuable reference paper. They felt, however, that it was not a subject of overriding interest to members at the moment, as they are primarily concerned with pay and pensions. On



Mr Stephen Linstead: Call

helped by collusive employers

who take on casual staff know-

ing that they are already drawing benefit.

Professor David Donnison, chairman of the Supplementary

Benefits Commission said on the programme that any government that meant ousi-

ness about tackling social security fraud must go for the

employers.
But Mr Howell said that

various studies, conducted when Mr Stanley Orme was Minister for Social Security

and ordered special emphasis

on that work, had failed to find ways of tackling it where

return outweighed

Mr Linstead believes that three results are possible if, under a British freedom of information statute, official advice to ministers was disclosed

1. Officials would offer advice 1. Officials would other advice on roughly the same basis as at present. Parliament and the media would take note; and might crificte the advice given, but there would be no outside attempts to have particular officials removed, promoted or transferred on account of the advice tendered. Ministers would remain responsible for defending their decisions in Parliament.

Parliament.

2. Officials would offer advice on the same basis as before, but attention focused on this advice (perhaps out of context) would make it difficult for certain officials to remain in particular posts or to be appointed to others. In the long run the senior ranks of the Civil Service, whether filled by career civil servants or from outside, would become posts of political confidence.

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3. Because of devilopments at (2) or in anticipation of them, officials would offer balanced but totally anodyne advice, reserving their personal views for unrecorded interviews with ministers or their colleagues.

colleagues.
Mr Linstead concludes that

Employers aiding social security frauds

near the truth".

On a more practical h was pointed out that than a crock of gold average searcher is more to wind up with a bun or a handful of ring pull beer cans. Yesterday's press conf by Stop (Stop Taking Om

by Stup (Stup Taking om had been anticipated on day by the metal detector Dig, which managed it campaign material. Two o representatives who tri attend the conference told to leave. The battle lines were drawn up by Stop, "The hunting is in the news" statement said. "First the Irish chalice, now an e-and ill informed stateme

Mr Linstead concludes that political factors would play a part in senior Whitehall appointments if advice was disclosed. At present officials were appointed under the Royal Prerogative and it would be easy for ministers to sidestep the Civil Service Commission, the watchdog since the last century against political patronage in Whitehall.

Asked if that did not mean

Asked it that and not mean that collusive employers could assume that they were safe from detection, Mr Howell said: "That is uncomfortably

in a programme examining the Government's new anti-fraud

campaign, under which 1,000 new fraud specialists are being

appointed and a target of £50m in savings has been set for 1980-81. That figure was criti-

cized on the programme by Mr

Orme, Labour spokesman on

directors, said: "We appelled by the though one of the biggest through our archaeological herita is not quarries, motorw new buildings in town (but hundreds of thousa people with metal de going out at weekends. with the best intentions ing metal objects eit Britain was an archael site which contained potential for writing its Mr Henry Cleere, dire the Council for British ology, said metal detect a big business. It was es

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Mr Peter Autyman, or Managers (Scum), repreprofessional archaeolog directors, said: "We

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The archaelogical estiment yesterday stains campaign to persuade public that hunting for reasure with metal detection on only antisocial both

harmful to the national

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licensed. The intention persuade people that detectors responsibly mi result in untold wealth. would reveal more abou village and rural history Mr Kenneth Barton, of shire County Museum plundering objects fre

The top amount of fraud estimated while he was minister was not more than £10m a year, he said.

Derbyshire, was convicted of the murder of Mrs Bernerdine Gayle, aged 50, at her home in File on Four. Successive Governments have free accommodation and meals Brown, aged 51, a company purpose was to act chiefly as a stated that working while drawdirector, of Owls Lodge Lane, between the beginning of 1971 Mayals, Swansea; and Peter and the end of 1974. bank rather than a pressure ing benefit is the main area of social security fraud. It is Bennett Street, Long Eaton. He had pleaded not guilty. IULANU BA

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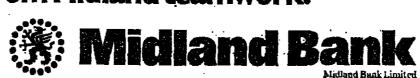
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Health of workers using herbicides to be surveyed

social security.

Ban weedkiller 2,4,5-T, report sa

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

A survey of the health of workers in agriculture, forestry and local authorities exposed to pesticides and herbicides is to be made in Britain for the

Forestry Commission and the National Union of Agriculture and Allied Workers covering all the chemicals used in forestry.

A second and wider study is being planned by the General and Municipal Workers' Union

with the agricultural workers and eight other unions. The survey with the Forestry Commission comes after an intensive campaign by the unions against the weedkiller 2,4,5.T, which has been under crutiny for many months.

That inquiry has produced a report, published yesterday by the NUAAW, which proposes a ben on 2,4,5.T and a more

rigorous procedure for determining the safety of pesticides and for licensing their use. That document focuses particularly on the hazards of the mittee has considered the weedkiller 2,4,5-T and the of 2,4,5-T eight times, M damage it is alleged to have man maintains it has for and forestry.

The evidence has to be taken as circumstantial because there is no adequate medical basis on which to judge the information. But the incidence of certain conditions, and in particular miscarriages among wives who have been contaminated and more general debilitating ill-

nesses among workers, is consistent with a similar pattern identified in other countries The report, prepared by Mr Christopher Kaufman with union colleagues in Britain and Europe and university research scientists, emphasizes that alternative methods of weed control are available.

role of the Pesticides A Committee of the Mini Agriculture. Although th weigh the evidence proj

to use "as directed" garded as being complet of touch with the real spraying conditions rath conditions in a well re laboratory.

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In eight years the Fo Agriculture Organisatic revised the limit of ma permissible amounts dioxin to 10 times less

Eton's nuclear shelter not big enough' Boys at Eton College have been told that the school has

a secret underground blast shelter as a safeguard against nuclear attack; but the bunker, with thick, reinforced concrete walls and an elaborate network of passages and compartments could house less than half the

Jonathon Bond, a pupil writing in the Eton College Chronicle, states that 500 could be crammed into the "man-made rabbit warren". The other 700 would have to seek refere in bomb shelters. seek refuge in bomb shelters built during the past war and now used as gardening sheds, bowling alleys or for storing

junk.

He says: "Recent political events demand that the school make the necessary provisions and conversions where appropriate to ensure that every member of the school would have a place in some sort of nuclear shelter".

Cook gets 'life' for ship murder

John Joseph McMullan, aged 30, a ship's second cook, who was said to have used one of his galley knives to murder a fellow seaman on board a ferry, was jailed at the High Court in Dumfries yesterday for life. He decied murder but the jury, by a majority verdict, convicted a majority verdict, convicted

him.
Mr McMullan, of Havana Mr McMullan, of Havana Walk, Belfast, went to the cabin of Able Seaman Charles Axon, aged 45, after a dispute in the crew's mess over lack of service at the dining table, it was stated. On his deathbed Mr Axon said Mr McMullan stabbed bim.

Woman trapped in pit Mrs Ethel Jones, aged 76, was trapped for an hour yesterday with a broken leg when she fell into a 15 feet pit that opened in the garden of her home in St Paul's Cray, Kent,



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Pin Chatcher budget intrategy at summit

rasbourg, March 12 In an intensification of the

ngio-French war of nerves for to the next EEC summit eeting. France today deplored e failure of the European munission to submit a "foral" proposal for resolving itsin's complaint over the se of its contribution to the monumity budget.

A statement issued after the

sekly meeting of the French thiner said that unless such proposal was forthcoming within a reasonable period of ne" France would refuse to msider it or any other propo-ls which might be put for-ard during the summit dis-ussion in Brussels on March and April 1.

ission here expressed puzzle-ent and concern at the reach statement it was sinted out that the Commison submitted a paper last omit to the EEC Council of inisters suggesting the open- g of a special credit line in the budget through which to tame! extra Community examinate in Entain. enditure in Butain.

The paper identified transport frastructure, the coal indus-y, urban renewal, and developent projects in Northern Irend as the most suitable areas r such expenditure, which ould be designed to raise the w level of British receipts on the budget, three-quarters which is spent on agriculture. It appears that the French of not consider this specific rough to count as a formal

Commission to suggest what it thinks would be a reasonable reduction in Britain's estimated net contribution to the budget

his year of £1,300m. The Commission spokesman said that the ideas in the February paper would be developed further before the summit in the light of discussion of them next week by EEC finance and foreign ministers. But the Commission did not accept that it was under any obligation to put a total figure on the amount of financial relief Britain should be granted.

At most, the spokesman indicated, the Commission might submit a list of possible EEC spending projects in Britain, with estimates of their cost, leaving it up to heads of government in choose from among

them.
Mr Roy Jenkins, the Commission president, has always resisted pressure to put a figure on the amount of relief Britain should get, mainly because of the unlikelihood—well known the unlikelihood well known to the French of his finding majority support in the Commission for anything close to what Mrs Thatcher is demand-

Observers here saw the latest French move as being designed first to restrict Mrs. Thatcher's room for manoeuvre in advance of the summit, and, second, to provide an excuse if needed for refusing to meet British demands at the summit. The French could argue that they lead not received a proper proposal from the Commission.

Pink granite coast should be clean in time for tourists

Soldiers with buckets and spades dig oil from Brittany beaches

The walrus and the carpenter. would weep like anything to see such quantities of oil-soaked sand. Fortunately there are more than seven maids with seven mops available and everyone hopes it will take much less than half a year to sweep it

By now there should be at least 1,000 French soldiers deployed along the 10 miles or so of coastline worst affected by the 3,000 tonnes of black heavy which escaped from the tanker Tanio when it broke in two in Channel storms last Fri-

Helped by many volunteers they are now operating according to the Polmer plan, which was drawn up to deal with such oil pollution after the wreck of the Amoco-Cadiz, almost exactly two years ago.

These soldiers on the beaches are armed with the most modern equipment known for dealing with heavy oil when washed ashore—buckets and This little fishing village, at

the centre of what is rightly called the pank grante coast, is once more at the centre of a black oil tide. The whitewashed and stone houses circle the little sheltered harbour, in which the greasy water dully reflects the painted hulls of fishing boats and plea-sure launches. The lichen on

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the pink rocks is black, shiny know what they're doing. They and doubtless dead by now. A should dynamite the rocks out fresh mark, straight as a Plimthere, seal off the beach and soll line, shows where the last high tide reached up the banks Behind the headland on St

Guirec beach, the soldiers are at work in bright vellow, dirty oil-skins, shovelling the black muck, thick as chocolate sauce, into green, plastic buckets. Others drive bulldozers back and forth, sloshing the oil water up the beach. Vast sheets of black plastic are spread over the beach walls in pessimistic anticipation of next week's high spring tides.

The soldiers shovel frantically, powerless as Canute before the advancing tides. Their orders are to put as much of the oil as possible into their buckets. These are emptied into waiting lorries to be carried inland and poured into plastic-ined trenches out of harm's way.

The next tide brings in yet more oil, but all the time the amount at sea is diminishing. By the end of the month, they hope, it will be gone

On a grassy know, overlooking the beach, stands M Jacques Barrot, a pne-legged seaman.

Barrot, a one-legged seaman, who laughs at the soldiers' efforts. He has seen this all before—in 1967 when correy Canyon oil 18in thick arrived on the beach and again two years ago when part of the Amoco Cadiz cargo washed

scoop it all up. But they are conscripts and therefore they cost nothing an other is why we've got them. This mess is all a question of money in the end."

Failure of

Mr Botha

From Our Correspondent Cape Town, March 12

An uneasy peace is in force

between the warring factions in the National Government

following a cabinet session yes-

National Party parliamentary caucus today, at which it was agreed to close ranks.

Although no details have been made public of either meeting, it is plain that the Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha, who was seeking to oust

his troublesome right-wing colleague, Dr A. P. Treumicht, found himself unable 10 do 50

without risking a split in the

carry on as a member of the Cabinet, inhibiting Unless he subsequently moves

The latest Treumicht-Botha

row stems from comments made

by Dr Treurnicht in which he opposed plans for Coloured

(mixed-race) teams to play against white teams in an

annual rugby tournament. Botha publicly rebuked Treurnicht

to oust

rival

This pretty coasiline was designed by nature to catch tourists and well as oil and the great fear locally is that bad publicity about the Tanio will ruin the summer season. In consequence the authorities are anxious to say that the oil ashore clong the coast is not very serious. Compared with other years it is not.

Certainly the one-legged fisherman who knows about these things, is not over-worried. "They'll even be carching more fisht than usual", he said. "Fish always follow the oil although you can't always eat what you catch, unless you want heart-

The pink gravite coast should the clear again by the start of the season and tourists can look forward to using their buckets and spades Portion docked: The stern halt of the Tanio was safely docked in La Hayra today by tuge

against Dr Treurnicht, Mr Botha will be in danger of becoming a captive of the party's reactionary right wing, unable to pursue his plans for constitutional reform.

The latest Treurnicht Pathin Le Havre today by tugs.
Work was expected to begin soon on pumping out the 13,000 tons of oil in its seven tanks. The sunken portion, still in the sea, contains another 10,000 tons of oil, which is expected asnore. to pose no immediate threat of pollution. — Agence France are only conscripts and don't Presse.

Apartheid law review

agreed by churches churches in South Africa have. announced that they will have no objection if the Government

sex and marriage across the colour line. The Immorality and Mixed Marriages Acts are con-sidered pillars of the apartheid The Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk group of churches, meeting in Cape Town, de-clared: "On the ground of the decisions of the four churches it can be considered that should the authorities decide that the circumstances were propitious to reconsider these Acts, the churches would have no object tions in principle against the rexamination."

reconsiders the laws which bar

Both the Acts have caused untold hardship and heartbreak in the past.

National Party.

Observers here sec Mr
Botha's failure to get rid of Dr
Treurnicht, leader of the
National Party in Transvaal, as
a blow to his credibility. Dr
Treurnicht, who has been
opposing Mr Botha's reformist
oplicies commands a formiable They have come in for strong criticism as being among the most offensive of apartheid laws which Mr Pieter Botha, the Prime Minister, has policies, commands a formiable power base. He now is free to

At the same time the four churches—the NGK (for whites), the NG Kerk in Afrika which represents blacks, the NG Sendingkerk for coloureds (mixed race people), and the Reformed Church in Africa, representing Indians—are con-cerned about their own relation-

ships.
There have been several defections recently from the white NGK to the black NGK, notably by the banned former moderator of the Transvaal Synod, the Rev Beyers Naude, has forsaken the white church for a black congregation Dr F. O'Brien Geldenhuss, Moderator of the white NGK. refused : "by to make any com-ment on the Cape Town statement. It is considered, however that the churches are concerned more with their own unity than with giving a guide

on the sex law issues to the 3.5 million Afrikaners who are

Dr Obote to fight election

Nairobi, March 12 Dr Milton Obote, the former Ugandan President, who has lived in exile in Dar es Salaam since being overthrown by former President Amin in 1971, confirmed today that he would lead his Uganda People's Congress (UPC) in the Ugandan elections which are due to take place by June, 1981.

In one of his rare public have comments, Dr Obote said in Tanzania.

return to Uganda once the election date is announced. He believed the UPC was the biggest party in Uganda, and would win the election—making him the automatic candidate for

resident.
Relations between Tanzania and the Government of President Binaisa in Uganda have been deteriorating recently. Dr Obote says he and the UPC have close relations with

Paris to hold out against Britain on lamb dispute

France will not yield anything Britain in the dispute over eeting has decided in discus-ons to prepare for the Euroid of this month, ministers esided over by President iscard d'Estaing, decided that no concession would be made France in Britain so long as e opposed an equitable and fective solution of this oblem, the official statement sued afterwards said "Sheep rmers have the right to the , me protection as cartle

The meeting also concluded at the price increases for farm at the price increases for farm oducts proposed for this year the European Commission are inadequate, especially for sef. It wanted a price rise bich would make a possible to aimain the purchasing power French farmers in 1980. As - the difficulties of the Euroean budget, the statement called that France had put arward a programme of savings

burden on the European agricul-tural fund, to "reduce the bur-den of milk products". M. Pierre Méhaignerie, the Minister for Agriculture, was given the mission of obtaining in coming negotiations a rein-forcement of the three funda-mental principles of the common agricultural policy, which are threatened in the government's view by the policy of the British Government, namely unity of price, financial solidarity and Community preference. The prospects of a com-

promise agreement on Britain's budget problem, on mutton, fish, are therefore almost nil, the more so that the French Government, as President Giscard insisted on television recently. regards them as part of a package, and wal not settle on one without agreement on the

others.

M Raymond Baire, the French
Prime Minister, said last week
that France was "going to be
rock hard on sheep", and added
that it was not the only thing
on which France would adopt

Vide support by | Cardinal goes luro-MPs for ingle passport

rom David Wood trasbourg, March 12

All the main groups in the uropean Farliament roday proported the long discussed opposal for a European Comminy passport. The British overnment supports it also, teep that it wants any Comming passport to include the credit card "type of passport at can be "read" by a machine and which the International ivil Aviation Anthority wants troduced as soon as possible.

The British Foreign Office, in iscussions that began six years go, now agrees to the principle is a common format passport or the Nine, although it wants to include at the front the lastic passport card favoured y the ICAAs. In that way rinch citizens, it, is argued, ould have distinctively British assented with the henefit of assports with the benefit of uicker processing as ports of

to Moscow for church talks

From Our Correspondent Rome, March 12 While one cardinal is in China, another flew today to Moscow at the head of a delegation to participate in theological discussions as guests of the Russian Orthodox

church, Universal church is the theme of the talks which, on the Roman Carholic side, will be conducted by a team under Cardinal Jan Willebrands, president of the Secretarit for Christian

Cardinal Willebrands is ac Cardinal Willebrands is accompanied by Mgr Antoine Hacsult, a Canadian, who is Archbishop of Saint Boniface and member of the Secretariat; Mgr Lucas Moreira Neves, a Brazilian, secretary of the Congregation for Bishops; and five other pricets.

Meanwhile Cardinal Franz Koenio of Vienna is on a

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A delegation from the British tives of groups linked to the iberal Party arrived in Athens Liberal Party.

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'Sunshine-state' victories for Mr Carter and Mr Reagan cast a gloom on other candidates

Miami, March 12

. The results of voting in yesterday's presidential primaries in three Southern states, which produced more handsome vic-tories for President Carter and Mr Ronald Reagan, offered little comfort to the losers.

Mr George Bush, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, in particular, who spent last weekend in Florida after polls showed he might be closing the gap on Mr Reagan, received less than a third of the votes in that states. Mr John Anderson, a congress-man from Illinois, who never campaigned at all in the "sun-shine" state, finished a respectable third with 9 per cent of the votes after his recent suc-

cesses in the North.

The story was much the same for Senator Edward Kennedy, who could muster only a 23 per cent share of the vote in Plorida, compared with 61 per cent for Mr. Carrer Negrly 10. cent for Mr Carter. Nearly 10 per cent of Democrats in this state showed they were disen-chanted with both candidates by casting "no preference"

In Georgia and Alabama, the margins of victory for Mr Carter and Mr Reagan were even more impressive. The President's home state gave him an overwhelming 88 per cent share of the vote against a meagre 9 per cent for senator Kennedy; in Alabama, the President's victory was only

slightly less overwhelmag—82 per cent to 13 per cent. Georgia handed Mr Reagan his biggest share of the votes in the three primaries—73 per cent compared to 13 per cent for Mr Bush and 9 per cent for Mr Anderson. In Alabama, where Mr Eush had also campaigned actively during a final whistle-top tour of the South, the lormer

Governor of California gained 69 per cent of the vote, against 26 per cent for his leading rival. When the results were relayed to Mr Reagan at his home in California last night, he was almost speechless. "I didn't almost speechless. "I didn't dare let myself hope for it", he told his supporters in Florida by telephone. Asked in a television interview whether he still regarded Mr Bush as an impor-

tant opponent, he seemed doubtful For Mr Bush, who has scored only one modest win in Massa-chusetts since his early victories over Mr Reagan in Maine and Iowa, the Florida result was a lowa, the Florida result was a bitter disappointment. He could say only that he would continue "to plug away" at the task of picking up delegates to the Republican national convention in Detroit this summer. "I

in Detroit this summer. "I might surprise people in Illinois", he added. Senator Kennedy, who expected to do badly in all yesterday's primaries, felt it politic not to appear before reporters to comment on the outcome.

Instead, Mr Patrick Lucey, his deputy campaign manager, said in Washington that the results were "very consistent with our expectations". He reaffirmed that the senator from Massachusetts intended to stay in the race, and he predicted

that the economic facts of life would turn the tide against Mr Serious economic problems, like high inflation and interest rates did not appear to feature prominently axong the reasons why voters in the South gave their support to President Carter. In general terms, Mr Kennedy still carries the burden of Chappaquiddick and perceived as a dangerous liberal by the mainly conservative Democratic voters in this part of the country. The single hopeful sign for the senator's presidential ambitions was that the Jewish voters in Florida rallied to his side in large numbers after the President's mishandling of the Middle East vote in the United Nations. In a few areas of the state heavily populated by Jews, Mr Kennedy managed to beat the President.

The focus of the presidential election campaign now moves

north to Illinois, which holds its primary next week. Aiready the omens are bad for Mr Bush and Senator Kennedy. On the Republican side, two

On the Republican side, two public opinion polls published by the Chicago Tribune and a local television station indicate that Mr Bush is trailing both Mr Reagan and Mr Anderson. Indeed, Mr Anderson, whose them is credentials have made liberal credentials have made him a cult figure since his successes in Massachusetts and Vermont a week ago, is slightly ahead of his rivals in his home

In Illinois, Mr Anderson and Mr Bush are likely to split the liberal vote and this will inevitably help Mr Reagan, on the conservative wing of the party. Mr Reagan's main concern is Mr Reagan's maid concern is no longer Mr Bush. Former President Ford was in Wash-ington today to discuss the possibility of a late entry into the Republican race. If he does decide to come in, he could conceivably topple the present front runner, although most political experts believe he may

already be too late. Even in Illinois, where he has the support of Mrs Jane Byrne, the influential Mayor of Chicago, Senator Kennedy is still trailing far behind Presi-dent Carter. The latest opinion pold shows he has the support of only 23 per cent of the electriste, compared with 62 per cent for Mr Carter, Leading article, page 17



Former President Gerald Ford leaves his Washington office for Bethesda Naval Hospital for his annual medical check.

Inquest 'not told of Kennedy calls'

and Jo Thomas -Washington, March 12 Records of Senator Edward Kennedy's telephone calls in Chappaquiddick were withheld by the telephone company from an inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne without the knowledge of the Assistant District Attorney who asked for

The records, which had been subpoenaed as a key piece of information in the case, could help confirm or dispute Mr Kennedy's account of what happened after he drove off the dvke bridge with Miss Kopein his car shortly before midnight on July 18, 1969.

The records could resolve questions about the activities of Mr Kennedy and his associates in the 10 crucial hours between the time of the accident and the time the senator reported it

mitted to the court only one of mony by Mr Kennedy.

The Security Council

possession. Mr Kennedy said in an interview yesterday that the only calls he made were those described in the inquest testimony, and none of those calls were on the list submitted. But the senator, who had been questioned about the list several times over the past decade, said he had always assumed that telephone comned that telephone com-officials had complied pany officials had complied fully with the court subpoena. And he stood by his previous account that he made no calls before 8 am on July 19.

The Edgartown District Court, which conducted the January 1970 inquest, had issued a subpoena for all calls billed to any of the senator's telephone credit cards the day of the accident and the next day. Mr Armand Fernandes, the Assistant District Attorney who handled this aspect of the case, said in a recent interview that

he considered the records the

World's condemnation of Israeli

Settlement Policy on the

Occupied Arab Territories

Full text of the United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 446 adopted

unanimously by the fifteen members of the council on 1st March, 1980.

Taking note of the reports of the commission of the Security Council established under resolution 446 (1979) to examine the situation relating to the settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, contained in documents 5/13450 and corr. 1 and 5/13679.

. Taking note also of letters from the permanent representative of Jordan (S/13801) and the permanent representative of Morocco, chairman of the Islamic Group (5/13802).

Strongly deploring the refusal by Israel to co-operate with the commission and regretting its formal rejection of resolutions 446 (1979) and 452 (1979).

Affirming once more that the fourth Geneva convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war of 12 August, 1949, is applicable to the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem.

Deploring the decision of the Government of Israel to officially support Israeli settlement in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967.

ment policy in the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and its consequences for the local Arab and Palestinian population.

Taking into account the need to consider measures for the impartial protection of private and public land and property, and water resources.

Bearing in mind the specific status of Jerusalem and, in particular, the need for protection and preservation of the unique spiritual and religious dimension of the holy places in

Drawing attention to the grave consequences which the settlement policy is bound to have on any attempt to reach a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Recalling pertinent Security Council resolutions, specifically resolutions 237 (1967) of 14th June, 1967, 252 (1968) of 21st May, 1968, 267 (1969) of 3rd July, 1969, 271 (1969) of 15th September, 1969, and 298 (1971) of 25th September, 1971, as well as the consensus statement made by the president of the Security Council on 11th November, 1976.

Having invited Mr Fahd Qawasmeh, Mayor of Al-Khalil (Hebron), in the occupied territory, to supply it with information pursuant to rule 39 of provisional rules of procedure.

Accepts the conclusions and recommendations contained in the above-mentioned report of the commission.

3. Ca'ls upon all parties, particularly the Government of Israel, to co-operate with the commission.

This advertisement has been issued by the League of Arab States Office.

1. Commends the work done by the commission in preparing the report contained in

Deeply concerned over the practices of the Israeli authorities in implementing that settle-

Instead attorneys for the New England Telephone and Tele-graph Co now say they selected a list of 16 calls and gave only these to the court. They said they chose this course independently and came under no pressure from the senator or from others on his behalf. The company's copies of the com-plete records were later destroyed as a matter of routine, they said.
Mr Fernandes said in the

interview that he had not known the records submitted were incomplete. He said he had be lieved the records could indicate whether the accident happened when the senator said it

Mr Kennedy said yesterday that neither he nor any of his representatives had discussed the records with executives or attorneys of New England Telephone. Mr Kennedy has said from the outset that the account he gave at the inquest was true, and he asserted that again yes-

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Herr Schmidt sees grounds for world optimism

From Gretel Spitzer Bonn, March 12

Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and President Giscard d'Estaing of France will meet in Hamburg next Sunday to exchange views on their recent visits to the United States and the Middle East. The visit to Asia of Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister. will also be discussed, the Chan-cellor told a press conference

Herr Schmidt confirmed that he had received a letter from Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, last week while flying to America for his talks with President Carter and Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations

Mr Brezhnev's letter of March 4, answering one from Herr Schmidt in late January, contained a summary of Soviet assessments of a number of international problems and was mainly directed against American policy. It did not contain any indications of a deterioration of German-Soviet relations or of an improvement in the international situation, but its

tone was moderate. Although Mr Brezhnev presumably wanted to influence his opinion, Herr Schmidt did

Tehran March 12.—The ex-

tradition of the deposed Shah

and the return of his wealth to Iran remain the conditions for the release of the American hostages held at their embassy

Ayatollah Mohammad Be-beshti told a press conference today he believed this was the view held by a majority of members of the ruling Revolu-tionary Council, of which he is

Ayatollah Beheshti said the conditions remained the same as those set by the students who have been holding the

hostages since November 4.

Iran reasserts demand for

return of Shah and fortune

hostages.

suggest that West Germany's role should be as a mediator between the superpowers. The Chancellor rejected such an idea for Germany which was a committed partner in the Western alliance.

The Chancellor reiterated that West Germany remained ready for talks, but the main point was that the two super-powers were talking to each other again.

Dismissing rumours of a deterioration in relations be-tween the United States and West Germany, Herr Schmidt said agreement was reached on all basic questions in Washington. It was important for the public to know that there was no disagreement between Washwould stand together in times of crisis and in preparations for

Progress was made on a comprehensive plan for a division of tasks among the West. There were differences. Herr Schmidt admitted, but he emphasized that they did not concern basic questions.

Herr Schmidt renewed the demand that the Soviet Union should withdraw from Afghanistan, as a precondition for improving the international situation. Cooperation between not believe that he wanted to East and West had to continue

His uncompromising state

suspension of a United Nations

Commission visit, on which the

United States had pinned hopes

of an early release of the

Dinlomats SeenH The Commis-

sion members met the three

United States diplomats being

held in the Iran Foreign Ministry, a United Nations

spokesman disclosed today.

we want to participate in the Moscow Olympic regatta. Games favoured by athletes

in Australia

against

By Jim Railton

boycotting

says. "We well understand that there are broad issues involved beyond the wish of individuals to participate in the Games.

the British Olympic Committee in its aim to send a British team to Moscow and should agree to the inclusion of oarsmen in that

Signatories are said to include Baillieu and Clark, medal

hopes in the double sculls; the London Coxless four; the men's

and women's eights; Hogh
Matheson, single sculls, and
most, if not all, the 1980 British
rowing team designate. The
ARA issued a statement after
an executive and council meetincome over a week and it is

an executive and council meeting just over a week 250. It is apparent that the candidates for the British team feel greatly disappointed that they were not consulted beforehand.

Some oarsmen also resent being used as political pawns.

The ARA recommended that if no international solution had been found by early May, a free rote should be taken in the House of Commons. If the

louse of Commons favoured a

property of the Moscow Olym-pics the national Olympic com-

ittee of the ARA should then

Colin Moyniham, an Oxford Blue and presently coxswain to the British Olympic eight desig-nate, said yehterday: "We are

nate, said yehterday: "We are horrified by the ARA state-ment. We wish to make it clear

be guided by the result of that

Moscow

Canberra, March 12.—Australia's athletes appear certain to vote against boycotting the Olympic Games in Moscowdespite the policy and wishes of the government and of Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime

The final decision will not be made until the Australian Olympic Federation meets on city for the 1956 Olympics, but there is a rising groundswell against a boycott. In Melbourne yesterday, 13 leading candidates for the Australian athletic team declared their strong opposition to any boycott and said they would not participate in any alternative games or

This is a blow to the federal government and its Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Robert Ellicort, who is on a rour of the United States and Europe to drum up support for alternative sites for the games. He is offering to stage bockey in Perth. Western Australia, and shooting in Melbourne. Agence France-Presse.

Lord Carrington in Komania ment came a day after the

Bucharest, March 12.—Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, arrived in Bucharest tonight to enlist Romanian support for the European Community's Afghanistan peace

The Afghan crisis was expected to top the agenda at his two days of talks with President Ceausescu and Mr Stefan Andrei, the Foreign Minister. It is the first visit by a British cabinet minister to Eastern Europe since Mrs Thatcher's Government came to This was the first official word that they had seen any of the Americans held in Tehran during their 17-day stay there. power last May.-Reuter.

Oarsmen are Mr Mugabe wants to delay independence

From Micholas Ashrord
Salisbury, March 12
Paradoxical though it may
seem—bearing in mind the
years that Zimbabwe black
nationalists fought for independence—Mr Robert Mugabe's

By Jim Railton
Candidates for the British
Olympic rowing team want to
go to Moscow. They have sent
a strongly worded statement to
the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) executive committee asking them to take a firm
time and step down from the
fence. government in-waiting is trying now to delay the day it will finally take the reins of power from Britain. from Britain.

Lord Soames, the Governor, and his Administration had hoped they could decently leave Salisbury around the end of March and be back in London in time for Easter. That is

The statement, signed by more than 40 Olympic imperula, tells the ARA to support the British Olympic Committee and send a team to Moscow. still officially their intention. However, Mr Mugabe has asked Lord Soumes and at least "We have given thorough consideration to the political situation which gives rise to the Government wish to boycott the Olympic Games", the statement says. "We well understand that some of his advisers to stay a month longer.

The new Government wants independence to take place on April 28, which is known as "Chimurenga Day", the day of the armed struggle. April 28 is not only of symbolic importance to the Zanu (PF) However we feel strongly that if selected we would wish to represent Great Britain in the Olympic Games. We believe too that the ARA should support Party but, more practically, the incoming Government wants to avoid having independence close to but not on that date to prevent there being two
public holidays around the
same time.

The final date for independence will be for Mr Mugabe
and Lord Soames to decide, but

the British still want to be away by mid-April. However, they have made it clear that while they are not prepared to stay on indefinitely they will do everything in their power

effect a smooth transition.

Mesnwhile the role being played by Lord Soames and his staff has undergone a metamorphosis. Until just over a week ago they were trying to main-tain a ceasefire, organize an election and run the country. Now the election is over, Rhodesians have taken over policing the ceasefire and dayto-day running of the country is progressively being handed

back.
Arhough Lord Soames still retains full legislative and executive powers—and will do so until independence—he has made it clear that he will act in consultation with Mr Mugabe.
Relations between the way Relations between the two men are cordial to the point of developing into a friendship —which is remarkable not only

ing the election camp It was largely be Lord Soames's influent Mugabe that the Pit ster decided to two prominent Europe David Smith and

Mugabe had earlier that the whites should resented by Mr Garli a former Prime Mini Dr Ahrn Palley, a lawver and former ever, Lord Soames pe that neither man was tative of white opinion
The British are turn attention to the sort ance that can be pro

first instance this is in military help—another bearing in mind ther. Zapu guerrillas had r obtained most of their assistance from Easte countries.
Major-General Ken director (designate) o

assistance overseas at a try of Defence, is Salisbury for London and will submir a repe country's future mil Initially British hel

to concentrate on some gentillas have interest in undergoing courses in Britain—ar ing further assistance integration of the with the regular secur Sir James Haugh Governor's police at also looking at the 1 of setting up a police programme. And a-si team is to arrive soon on improving the broadcasting network Members of Britainseas Development a

tion visited Rhodesiz soon to examine pro Britain has also in would be prepared to to setting up an ag development bank. this is not somethin could efford to do by i

Rhodesia opens gates o its barbed-wire villages

From Our Own Correspondent of the continuing wood one of the first signs that there are still believe Rhodesia's seven-year bush war more than 500,000 per is virtually over and that a new in PVs. Government is about to take over the running of the country became apparent today with the announcement that the gates of all protected villages (PVs) are to be left open forthwith.

PVs, or "keeps" as they were generally referred to by Africans, were among the most distiked symbols of previous white administrations. The villages were based on a concept developed by the British during the Malaya emergency and the Malaya emergency and opied by the Vietnam and the Portuguese in Mozambique. Their aim was to isolate guerrillas by herding large sections of the rural population into villages which were surrounded by barbed wire fences and protected by armed guards.

The PV policy began in the mid-1970s and by September, 1978 there were around 750,000 people living in about 250 PVs, most of them situated in the north and east of the country. The "internal settlement" Government, set up after the March 3, 1978 agreement, opened up a number of PVs in the north-east but this experiment was not pursued because force auxiliaries.

Although PVs did rural Africans with a

protection fro mthe seriously disrupted daily lives. Food rod many areas dropped c because farmers ofte, walk miles from the tend their fields or ! their cattle. Condition of the villages we extremely bad. The incoming Go has committed itself the PV policy. It has

it would lift the curi compelled rural Afr stav in their homes an between dusk Today's statement by t try of Home Affairs s would in future be n tion on movement by the tants of PVs, except where the curfew stil However, because of tinued presence in the side of armed disside tection forces would position for the time l there would be no dis of fences. The proto

carried out either b

district assistants or by

Promise of help for poor

Addis Ababa, March 12.—Mr vote they must receive Enos Nkala, who will be Minister of Finance in Mr Mugabe's Cabinet, today promised to divert wealth to the poor in a He aims to prepare a b radical realignment of the the end of June:

The ordinary pe

Unity Council of Ministers meeting said: "There has been economic discrimination. Now there must be discrimination in favour of the poor and against the rich

He added: "Now that the ocoole have liberated them-

He said that one of actions would be to sales tax on basic com: Mr Nkala, who is here for Rhodesia must feel be an Organization of African in the next few weeks". The OAU is expected aid to Mr Mugabe's тиепт. Mr Nkala said: "V.

restructure the economy cation and medical care it selves by way of war and the wanted to pay.-Reuter.

Profiles of members of Salisbury's next Government

From Our Own Correspondent
Salisbury, March 12
Both the white members of Mr Mugabe's Cabinet were born in Britain and have farming backgrounds.

Mr Simon Mzenda, me Deputy Prime Minister of Deputy

backgrounds.

Mr David Smith was born in
Argylshire in 1922 and came to Rhodesia as a farm assistant in 1946. He later set up a highly successful farming partnership in the Mazoe Valley and was appointed to a number of agri-cultural committees. He was Minister of Agriculture between 1968 and 1976, after which he became Minister of Finance. He was regarded as one of the most efficient members of Mr Ian Smith's Administration and played an important role in

memony.

Mr Deunis Norman was born in Oxfordshire in 1931 and came to Rhodesia in 1953. He owns a number of farms around Karoi, a tobacco area north-west of Salisbury. He has been chairman of a number of agricultural committes and became president of the Rhodesian National Farmers' Union in

maintaining the stability of the

He has been an outstanding success in that post and has played an important part in encouraging white farmers to stay and in continually raising. He is a fiery orator and has the levels of agricultural pro- a reputation for impetuosity.

Zanu's national executive and has been involved in black nationalist politics as long as Mr Nkomo. He has a reputa-Mr Nkomo. He has a reputa-tion as a conciliator and held the party together during its various crises in the 1970s. He has the confidence of both the military and political wings of

Mr Edgar Tekere, the Minister of Manpower, Planning and Development, is the party's Secretary-General. He is one Secretary-General. He is one of the few members of the Manyika tribe in the party's leadership. He joined Zapu in 1961 but went over to Zanu in 1963. He speat most of the decade up to 1974 in detention and left with Mr Mugabe for Mozambique in 1975. He is reputed to be very loyal to Mr Mugabe.

Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister

of Finance, was one of only four members of lanu's central committee to remain in the country during the war. He was in detention for most of that time and was only released. after the arrival of Lord Soames.

of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, was the first editor of Moto, a Roman Catholic newspaper whose offices in Gwelo were destroyed by a bomb last month. He studied law in Lesotho and Canada and later raught law in Southampton. Mr Emmerson Munangagwa,

Mr Emmerson Mutangagwa, Minister of State in Mr Mugabe's office, is probably the most capable administrator in the party and a man to watch in the future. A man of exceptional intelligence, he was condemned to death by a Rhodesian court for alleged subversive activities, but the sentence was commuted because of his age. of his age. Mr Richard Hove, Minister

of the Public Service, was for-merly the party official res-possible for foreign affairs and has a wide range of inter-national contacts.

Mr Kumbirai Kangal, Secretary for Labour and Social Welfare, was the party's representative in the United States. He was loosely associated with the dissidents who were detained in Mozambique in 1978 after plotting to over-throw Mr Mugabe as leader, but he severed his links with them before their ritempted Mr Ernest Kadungure, Minister

former membe of the guerrilla fidant of Mr Mugabe's.

army's high command and was in the fist group of guerrillas Minister of Health, was that entered north-eastern

ference. He studied and worked has been in detention in the United States and later continuously since 1957 joined Bishop Muzorewa's Afri-can National Council but left to rejoin Zanu. His wife. Dr Sydney Sekeramayi, Minis-

ter of Lands, Resettlement and Rural Development, was educa-ted in Czechosolovakia and Sweden and is a doctor. Mr Nathan Shamuyarira,

Minister of Information and Tourism, is the only Zanu minister who is not a member of the party's central com-mittee. That is due to his involvement in the Frolizi splinter movement during the 1970s. However, his fliration with that group was brief and he is now a loyal Mugabe supporter.

Dr Dzingai Mutumbuka, Minister of Education was educated in Rhodesia, Zambia, Ireland and Britain. He was responsible for providing schooling for thousands of the party's secretary for refugee children in Mozam- nel affairs since 1975:

Mr Eddison Zvobgo, Minister of Local Government and Housing, was the party's spokesman during the Lancaster House conference. He studied and worker only released in Decemi was a member of the African Communist Part Mrs Teurai Ropa N Minister of Youth, Spot Recreation, is the party's tary for women's affairs. Mr Nkomo's three Za leagues in the Governme party. Mr Joseph Msika, ster of Natural Resource Development, has been

> of Posts and Telecoma tions, has lived in Zambis 1963 and has been the ; external publicity secreta the past four years. He powerful speaker and win Mr Clement Muchachi, ster of Public Works, is at Nkomo loyalist and has

party's Secretary-General 1975.

Mr George Silundika, M

4. Strongly deplores the decision of Israel to prohibit the free travel of Mayor Fahd Qawasmeh in order to appear before the Security Council, and requests Israel to persuit his free travel to the United Nations headquarters for that purpose. 5. Determines that all measures taken by Israel to charge the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure or status of the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, or any part thereof, have no legal validity and that Israel's policy and practices of settling parts of its population and new immigrants in those territories constitute a flagrant violation of the fourth Geneva convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war and also constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East. 6. Strongly deplores the continuation and persistence of Israel in pursuing those policies and practices and calls upon the government and people of Israel to rescind those measures, to dismantle the existing settlements and in particular to cease, on an urgent basis, the establish-ment, construction and planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem. Calls upon all states not to provide Israel with any assistance to be used specifically in connection with settlements in the occupied territories. 8. Requests the commission to continue to examine the situation relating to the settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, to investigate the reported serious depletion of natural resources, particularly the implementation of the retritories under occupation, and to keep under close scrutiny the implementation of the present resolution. Requests the commission to report to the Security Council before September 1st; 1980, and decides to convene at the earliest possible date thereafter in order to consider the report and the full implementation of the present resolution.

New Minister expected o try taking control at utonomy negotiations

nn Christopher Walker usalem, March 12

What the country needs w is not so much a new reign Minister as a new eign policy. This will not parently originate in the pre-

Vith that harsh judgment, English language Jerusulem t yesterday greeted the continent of Mr Yitzhak unir, who takes up his new it at a moment when Israel more isolated in world nion than at any period since right-wing Government of

Menachem Begin took ver in 1977. his isolation was dramatic-emphasized this mouth by manimous United Nations urity Council vote demandthe dismanching of all

vish semiements on Arab President Certer msily retracted support for resolution; America remains posed to the building of elements. Israel, for its part, parently regards attack as the torm of defence, and rended yesterday by seizing re than 800 acres of Arab d for a big new Jewish urb in East Jerusalem.

Ar Shamir, a strong sup-Ar Shazzir, a strong sup-ter of the right of Jews to the anywhere in "the Biblical

d of Israel" and a close itical alty of Mr Begin's, is ridently expected to do ining to restrain Israel's sent settlement policy. unlikely to find any way to skin it more successfully to outside world.

enior members of the reign Ministry maintain that first and most important k for Mr Moshe Dayan's sucsor will be to try to counter growing support for the estiman cause among Euro-in countries, perticularly

unce, Britain, West Germany I Ireland. Virhio a few hours of taking ice Mr Shamir announced the would take up the seat the Israeli-Egyptian min-rial Autonomy Committee t was spurped by his pre-

ommentators predict that he is soon try to wrest much the responsibility for conting the negotiations away at Israel's present chief

ny political enemies that not Beirur's periparetic press

ikely to suggest who tried to

l him today. dr Chamoun, who is leader the National Liberal Party

one of Lebanon's oldest

ristian statesmen, was only

etched when a remote-con-lied bomb exploded next to

car in eastern Beirut this

rning, killing his driver and iously wounding three body-

Vir Chamoun, who delights in

wing his friends that an 80ar-old politician can remain

al 30 minutes after admis-n to be greeted by party col-

gues with the enthusiasm mally accorded a victorious

nor racing driver.
With a broad grin, he told nirers that he always liked keep fit. "You see", he said, very Wednesday I take exere by walking in the mounns. I did not lose consciouss in the explosion, and now am back to fight crime and minals."

.P, however, is against the rian presence in Lebanon. In

cent weeks, Mr Chamoun and

supporters have renewed

ir demand for the removal all "foreign" armies from country—including both the

Jestinians and the Syrians-

tor racing driver.

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The main concern of the

emerged from the

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rot, March 12 Sarkis's repeated calls for a ormer President Camille national reconciliation in Leb-

Syria

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not in the car.

been responsible.

negoniator, Dr Joseph Burg, the Interior Minister. Outlining his priorities, Mr Shamir said this week: "We must now pursue the issues agreed upon by the majority of the people: not to return to

the borders of 1967; to oppose the establishment of a Palesrinian state; and to preserve an undivided Jerusalem." Political associates say that

he will vigorously oppose the softening of the Israeli stand on autonomy now being de-manded by Egypt and encour-aged by America.

Although the Egyptian Gov-ernment has refrained from official

official comment appronument, there have been strong hints that President Sadat is deeply disappointed that such a hard-line Israeli should have become Foreign Minister at this delicate stage of the peace process.

that leader has been insisting that May 26 is a "deadline" rather than a "target date" for concluding the autonomy talks. The clear implication of his remarks is that the talks will not be permitted to continue in their present form beyond then, and that the character of normalization between the two states will change if no agreement is reached.

Shamira other pressing problems all seem to stem from mounting international criticism of Israel's refusal to give ground on the Palestinian issue, and its expansionist policy in territory seized during the 1967 war. Among other things, the atti-tude seems likely to frustrate

attempts for a diplomatic rapprochement with black Africa which Israel had hoped might result from the peace treaty with Egypt.

Nuclear allegation: Israel was respected to a result from the peace treaty with Egypt. prepared to use nuclear bombs at the time of the 1973 Arab-

Israeli wer, according to an article in the West German magazine Stern.
Golda Meir, Israeli Prime
Minister at the time, ordered
the highest alert and 13 nuclear bombs were taken out of underground bunkers in the

Negev Desert and loaded into modified Phantom and Kfir air-craft, it added. Israel has always denied it has nuclear Lebanese party leader

and have crinicized President

They particularly object to what Mr Sarkis has called the

"special relationship" which Lebanon should maintain with

three weeks. Last month, a remote controlled bomb blew

up next to a car carrying the

baby daughter of Mr Bashir

Curiously, Mr Chamoun's party have recently been

tion. Party officials have occa-

Today saw the second assas-

attempt against Lebanese Christian leader in

anon as too vague.

the constables to the lavatory where they had sexual intercourse with her. The court found that the alleged intercourse was "a peaceful affair" and that she followed the con-

country to change the law. The other day, nearly 300 women paraded through the streets of Delhi to protest against the "exploitation of women" and "exploitation of women" and criticized the Supreme Court

Gemayei through eastern Bie-rut, killing the child and seven Jurists are also divided on other people. It was only by chance that Mr Gemayel was the question of evidence and law involved in the case. Recently, a group of law profes sors wrote an open letter to the Chief Justice of India to Ar the time, suspicion in Beirut fell upon the militis of former President Suleiman Franjieh although it was also have the case reconsidered by a full Bench.

suggested that an extreme Palestinian group might have party have recently been strengthening ties with the Palestine Liberation Organizasionally crossed the "green line" separating the Christian and Muslim sectors of Beirus to talk to Palestinian representa-

welcomed the citation of the Supreme Court judgment, though he admitted it put him in a dilemma. Under the existing law, it is Mr Chamoun seems to have recognized that he can cooperate with the PLO, particularly now that Syria's military role in Lebanon is beginning to diminish. Six months ago, he offered to negotiate publicly with the PLO.



Martin Buser, of Switzerland, and one of his dogs rest during a break in the 1,150-mile Anchorage to Nome dogsled race in Alaska.

Indian anger From Charles Harrison at acquittal Nairobi, March 12 in rape case

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi, March 12

A Supreme Court judgment acquiring two policemen charged with rape has ourraged sections of Indian society and divided jurists.

What has come to be known as the "Mathura case" arose out of the arrest of a 15-yearold girl by the name of Mathura who was kept in police custody raped by a chief constable and

a policeman.

The sessions court acquitted the officers but the High Court reversed this decision. Now the Supreme Court has upheld the sessions court decision to

The Supreme Court judgment said that Mathura went with stables "meekly".

There have been demonstra-

iudement.

However, a letter in a Supreme Court journal attacked them for criticizing the Supreme Court judgment. Those who de-fend the Supreme Court ruling point out that all the courts found there was no reliable evidence to show that Mathura was under fear of death or pain. The Chief Justice in a speech to the Indian Law Institute has welcomed the criticism of the

the duty of the prosecution to prove beyond doubt that the accused is guilty. Until he is proved guilty, law presumes that he is innocent.

Better use of forests plea

Recommendations calling for better information on the world's tropical forests, and for programmes to help give people a better understanding of the value of forests, were adopted by a meeting of 50 experts, called by the United Nations Environment Programme

called because of worldwide concern about the degradation and rapid disappearance of woodlands and tropical forests. A big challenge for the 1980s was to decide how to develop tropical forests intelligently. The abundance and diversity of materials to be derived from tropical forests offered exciting prospects.

(Unep), which has just ended Dr Mostafa Tolba, the executive director of Unep, said this was one of a series of meetings to be held here next month.

Culture flourishes far from constraints of big centres Soviet provinces aglow with creative sparks in the arts

Moscow, March 12
The triumph of the Rustaveli theatre company of Georgia at the Edinburgh festival and more recently in London came as a surprise to many in Britain who knew nothing of the vitality and vigour of the

theatre in this small Soviet But for Georgians, Shake-speare is as much a part of their national tradition as it is for audiences in Stratford-on-Avon. The Rustaveli production reputation of Ramaz Chkhik-vadze, the actor, and Robert Sturua, the director, in the

a second Georgian theatre company has staged an-other Shakespeare play which Soviet critics have hailed as an outstanding event in the repub-lic's cultural life. Coriolanus at the Kote Mardzhishvili theatre, directed by Georgi Lordkipan-idze, opened this week in Tblisi. and is said to be a successful attempt to interpret Shake-speare in the language of modern stagecraft.

There are 25 theatres in the mountainous transcaucasian republic, and each includes Shakespeare in its repersoire. Georgia has also won a reputa-tion for innovation in stage design and art, and Georgian designers dominated an exhibition of theatre art in Moscow

last year. But Georgia is not the only But Georgia is not the only outlying province where theatre and the arts in general are flourishing. Though the Bolshoi ballet in Moscow and the Kirov in Leningrad are deservedly famous, and the cities' orchestras have a world reputation, much of the initiative in the arts has moved to the provinces. arts has moved to the provinces.
Cultural life in Estonia,
Armenia, the Ukraine and even
Siberia is in many respects

more dynamic and innovative than in Moscow and Leningrad, the traditional centres. Plays, novels and paintings are being produced there whose political daring would never be accepted in the capital. A Soviet literary journal, for example, recently praised the work of Jaan Tooming a young Estonian director, and con-

trasted his lively work with what it called the stale produc-Tooming has adapted for the stage a number of novels on the quasi-religious theme of the struggle of good and evil. One recent production, The New Devil from Inferno, is starkly

symbolic and is presented as a new morality play.
It resurrects the figure of Everyman and deals with violence and the opposition of spiritual and material values, ending with an apocalyptic scene in which the forces of disintegration triumph to the accompaniment of inhuman

music on a synthesizer. Estonia, the smallest of all the 15 Soviet republics, also has a strong musical tradition. Every five years as many as 33,000 people gather to sing national songs to an outdoor audience of up to 200,000 people. Indeed the city of Tallinn has built a special openair amphitheatre for these

The state symphony was judged the best in the whole Soviet Union in a competition two years ago, and its former chief conductor Neeme Jarvi— who has since emigrated—won a conductors' award in Rome and was widely praised on tours

in the West.
The Estonian orchestra has played works not often heard in the Soviet Union, including for the first time last autumn Land of Hope and Glory", ung in English. Opera flourishes in the pro-

vinces, too. The seaport of Odessa in the Ukraine still retains its cosmopolitan flavour, and its ornate late-Victorian opera house can stage productions that rival those in Vienna. Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, on the other hand has a vast

new palace of culture, whose theatres are as experimental as any in Leningrad, staging such things as rock ballets to the music of Pink Floyd. The best Soviet museum of

modern art is in Yerevan, capi-tal of Armenia. It exhibits works that are avant-garde even by Western standards— and it enjoys the full support of the local Communist Party

Its director has also founded a museum of children's art, where young people them-selves chose the exhibits. The museums works with schools throughout Armenia and has created a strong tradition of painting and sculpture. The experiment has proved so successful that the authorities are building a theatre to be run by

and for children. Even Muslim Central Asia is seeing a revival of traditional Muslim architecture and Muslim architecture and decoration. Seminars have been held in Samarkand on oriental

music, drawing performers from all over the Middle East. Some of Russia's best known writers live in remote parts of the country. Valentin Rasputin, an influencial novelist, lives in Mikhail Sholokhov still lives beside the River Don that made

There are several reasons why the arts do well in the provinces. In many cases they continue the traditions of old and proud cultures that are quite separate from the Russian tradition—in Georgia, Armenia and the Baltic republics, for

People here support the arts partly out of nationalist and

linguistic sentiment.

The drawback is that outstanding provincial artists are often ignored in the capital, which gets the pick of foreign engagements and recognition. Neeme Jarvi emigrated last year because he was frustrated that Estonia was so frequently overlooked both at home and abroad.

Second, the arts are far less politicized outside Moscow. Ideology still permeates all artistic production perforce, but there is more freedom for quiet experiment outside the political glare of Moscow and Leningrad.

of local pride to make money available for local film studios, opera and theatre companies and concert halls.

In such a big country provin-cial tours by Moscow companies are rather limited. But this does not mean that the provinces, as in many countries, are starved of culture. There is plenty at

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rt in abortive plotting against esident Zia ul-Haq.

General Iqual number two in day according to the press.
Officials at the Army headearters in Rawalpandi also nied may that there had en any arrests of other serv-g officers in the past few

According to the rumours, eneral Igbal had been the eneral Iqbal had been the rakstan, who accome in July, incipal figure among a group General Zia in a coup in July, officers caught conspiring 1977, and hanged by the milistrate week after the Administration of According to informed in the surprising rejection of According to informed surprising rejection of

American and was announced by Mr. Agha Shahi, President Zia's foreign affairs adviser. The plotters were supposed to be incensed at the less of an injection of modern American equipment into the Pakistan

staff of the army.

It was the uncertain military of deputy chief of staff of the gime's way of trying to discove persistent rumours that a general was under house a general was under house after allegedly taking matters, and General Zia on matters, and General Zia created the postgoverning the country. But General Zia was careful still to

As the rumours here had it, keep a firm hand on the army, ruing dissidents were distisfied with General Zia's own power base. Section of the United States or of \$400m (£180m) in military and economic assistance to remain to strengthen its fences after the Soviet in the big cities like Lahore or at airports, nor any unusual dission of neighbouring Afghani airports, nor any unusual dison.

play of aimy units here or in General Mujibur Rehman, the Rawahindi as would seem information Secretary, last evitable if senior officers in the said runnours of General Paksian's military were inbal's house arrest in Rewal-volved in plotting the Governation were "absolutely un-ment's overthrow.

President Zia was in Lahore on Sunday and Monday, where e Army hierarchy and senior took part in routine, and service to General Zia, went units of Pakistan's frontier time-consuming, civilian functions, including speech-making and receptions—hardly the conduct of a military ruler challenged by an internal coup.
The rumours here of the

arrests were picked up in London by the sensational news-paper Millat, which supports, the cause of the late Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan, who was ousted by

discussions by Pakistan's mili-tary rulers did not, however, urge acceptance of the Ameri-can offer of aid, but rather spoke against Pakistan getting too involved with the Afghan insurgeous and thus antagoniz-ing the Sovier Union. So be does not seem to "fit" the role of chief conspirator.

President Zia's promise to announce a new cabinet in the next 10 days, an obvious bid for a somewhat broader base in the country after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, could reveal how the "constellation" of top military figures around him really stands. Meanwhile the Lahore High

Court has admitted for hearing the writ petition challenging

the one-year's rigorous im-prisonment now being served in Rawalpindi jail by Mr Salamat Ali, a prominent journalist and Pakistan correspondent for the Far Eastern Economic Review. He was sentenced last November by a one-man military tribunal for a critical article last antumn on Balurhistan. Habeas Corpus writ: Official denials of Army unrest have not impressed the Pakistani community in London and yesterday reports from Pakistan said that the wife of one of the generals arrested in the reported coup had presented a writ of habeas corpus seeking to force the authorities to dec-

lare his whereabouts (David Watts writes).
The wife of Major-General Tajmal Husain Malik presented the writ at a Lahore court. Her husband is said to have been the coup leader.

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Arrigo Levi

A meaning of détente which Moscow must learn to accept

Anyway, what is détente? Détente was and still is real, provided one is not under the illusion that it had or could have altered the constant basic pattern or East-West confrontation which continues unabated to which commones unable to the control of that same confrontation developed in the early 70s after the Soviet Union agreed to exclude war and therety of war in its reand threats of war in its re-lations with the USA and Westterms of Soviet policy, was, is, and, as long as it will last, always will be a device for the 'peaceful' expansion of communium and Soviet influence throughout the world".

I have heard and read many definitions of detente. The one I have just quoted is in my view one of the best. Its author, Professor A. Shtromas, is a Soviet citizen who has now settled in Britain, where he is a research fellow at the University of Bradford. He has written to me to comment on a few thoughts of mine on hawks

I wonder: would Mr Carter have been less shocked by Soviet behaviour in Afghanis-tan, and perhaps quicker in reacting to preceding "peace-ful" expansionist actions by Russia, if he had been aware of the complex meaning of detente, as indicated by Pro-fessor Shtromas's definition?

A lot of the present debate on détente (is it divisible or indivisible? How many more shocks can it survive? Can the West have real détente with a superpower bent on finding compensation abroad for its domestic failures? Can détent develop unless the Russians repudiate the "theory of inter-national solidarity"? It turns on problems of definition.

If one assumes that détente means full cooperation between the superpowers, one is bound to be always disappointed. There will always be in détente, as Mr Brzezinski recently said, "competitive aspects" as well as "cooperative aspects": the "indivisibility" of detente, in my view, does not mean the disappearance of competitiveness, but only that one must not challenge hy it the other side's funda-

In this sense the Afghan adventure is incompatible with détente : not only because introduces—and I quote again Mr Brzezinski—"a highly dynamic element in a very rolatile area of the world", threatening the freedom of Western access to oil resources which are vital for its own independence and survival, but

From Neil Kelly Bangkok, March 12

General Prem Tinsulanonda, the new Prime Minister of

Thailand, today disowned his

public image as a military man to the core by appointing civi-

lians to most of the important

posts in his first government. Those close to him are not

surprised, for while recognizing

his lifelong devotion to the

Army they say he is no ordinary brasshar but an imagina-

tive man keen to explore new

and unusual ideas.
His Government is expected

to adopt tougher policies than

its predecessor towards Indo-Chinese refugees.

General Prem said there

would be no change in Thai-land's open-door policy towards

refugees, but Dr Thanar Kho-

man, one of the new Deputy

Prime Ministers in charge of foreign affairs, has long been opposed to the open-door policy.

For two years he has been

urging the previous government

to reduce the number of refugees in Thailand by "harsh

and more drastic measures" if

He has contended publicly

that Thailand is paying for the refugees' food, shelter and medical care—whereas in fact

those costs are met by inter-

national contributions to the

United Nations High Commis-

Dr Thanat, an MP in the elected Lower House, and leader of the Democrat Party, was

Foreign Minister for a time

stoner for Refugees.

New Thai leader puts

civilians in key posts

also because it enlarges the old Brezhnev doctrine of "limited sovereignty" making of it something quite different, which can embrace the world.
In 1968 Pravda justified the invasion of Czechoslovakia by claiming that "a socialist state that is in a system of other states constituting a socialist commonwealth cannot be free of the common interest of that commonwealth". In 1980 New Times has said that it was legitimate for the Soviet Union to give "material assistance, in-cluding military help" to Afghanistan, because "by refusing to use the possibilities at their disposal the socialist countries would virtually evade the performance of their inter-

nationalist duty."

The Soviet leaders have thus given to the invasion of Afghanistan the quality of a historical precedent which can justify aggression against any country in the world. It was already dangerous to be a mem-ber of the socialist camp. Now it is not even safe to be friendly with the Soviet Union.

But this means that for detente to be possible (even in the limited sense as defined by Professor Sharomas), the West must not only obtain the with-drawal of Soviet troops from by the Soviet Union (as de-manded among others, by Signor Berlinguer) that its "internationalist duty" cannot be performed through the use of force and aggression in what is indeed a very "volatile" world, all of it. This, by the way, may be even more difficult to obtain then the withdrawal

But it once looked just as unthinkable that one day the Russians would recognize the necessity of peaceful coexistence with Europe and America in order to prevent nuclear war. And yet they did, after Stalin's death when they be-came aware of the horrors of the alternative course, and when they were in great need of Western cooperation, just as they are now, in order to achieve their dream of pros-

New life can be breathed into detente, but only, I believe, if the Soviet Union comes to accept that detente does allow the "peaceful expansion of communism and Soviet influence throughout the world "-

but nothing more than that. Just as it allows the peaceful expansion ("Detente is a for-ward policy", according to the original Sonnenfeldt doctrin), democracy in the world. (The ghost haunting the world today is that of democracy, not that of communism.) © Times Newspapers Ltd 1980

military or otherwise, between

General Prem appears equally

attention given to ties with

Defence Minister, appointed zivilians to other principal posts.

Mr Boonchu Rojanastien is the

man who, as Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs,

can make or break the new

Minister in an earlier govern-

East Asia he has a reputation

His problems now are Thai-ind's annual inflation rate

approaching 20 per cent, grow-

for financial wizardry.

As an effective Figance

General Prem, who is also

the two countries.

government.

In the good old days they had ways of telling you whether your meat was good or bad



Shona Crawford Poole

Early cookery books commonly contained repellently explicit instructions on how to choose good meat and ways to tell if it is less than fresh, diseased, or worse. How necessary this knowledge must once have been, and how much we take for granted now that meat is fresh and safe, was brought home to me by the Butchers of London exhibition:

It is the pictures of livestock being driven through the city's street, of the markets at Eastcheap, Newgate Shambles and Smithfield, and of the grazing fields at Islington where drovers rested their herds before bringing them into town that emphasize most vividly the merits of refrigeration. What can urban life have been like when a million caule were driven through the streets of London in a year as they were in the mid-19th century What price public health when beasts were slaughtered in the gusters?

The exhibition opened this week at the Museum of London, London Wall, EC2, and runs until April 13. Documents and plate belonging to the Butchers Company are displayed, together with curiously assorted items connected with the provision of meat to Londoners from the 12th century to the

present day. Stars of this modest show are the humane killer's weighty predecessor the puleaxe, and a letter written by the Earl of Manchester in 1664 to the Lord Mayor. In it he requests that the Butchers Com pany be asked to resume deliveries of offal from the markets of Newgate and East-cheap for feeding the King's bulls and bears then lodged at Southwark. What, one wonders, had been sustaining the bulls and bears in the meantime?

Back to the present day, and spring lamb is the best of the seasonal delicacies in Smithfield now. It is so young, and juicy and tender that it can be served as rare as fillet steak. Wrap it in puff pastry for a festive meal. Grill thick slices from the leg with herbs and lemon juice. Roast a shoulder slowly with slivers of garlic tucked into the mea

Loin of lamb in puff pastry Serves four to six 900g (2lbs) boned loin of lamb

55g (20z) butter

225g (8oz) onions, chopped

110g (4oz) lamb's liver, roughly chopped

30g (10z) hazlenuts, chopped teaspoon dried tarragon, or 1 sprig fresh

when available

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

450g (1lb) packed frozen puff pastry.

Ask the butcher to bone a loin of lamb. A piece weighing about 1.25kg (23lb) will weigh about 900g (2lb) when boned and trimmed. Trim away most of the fat on the outside of joint to leave a layer which s wafer thin. Roll the meat into a sausage shape and tie it in one or two places with

close relations with China and is opposed to a formal alliance, Spread half the butter on the lamb and part-roast it in a preheated hot oven (230°C/450°F, gas mark 8) for 30 minutes. This is long enough for meat which will be pink inside at the completion of cookwary of Chinese intentions and much of the military establish-ment would like to see less ing. Add another five or so minutes for medium-done, and 15 minutes for well-done. Transfer the lamb to a plate to cool. Melt the remaining butter in a pan and fry the onions until they are soft but not coloured. Add the liver and fry it very briefly just to firm it. Cool the mixture then mince or chop it very finely. Stir in

pepper.
Roll the pastry very thinly on a floured surface. Spoon half the onion mixture on to the pastry as a base for the meat. Remove the string lay the lamb on it and top with the remaining suffing.

Damp the edges of the pastry with water and wrap it over the meat in a parcel, joining the long sides of top of the meat in a pinched up frill, and the ends in the same way. Resist the temptation to overlap the pastry in folds which would cook

unevenly, and trim off the excess. Cut one or two small shits in the passry top, to let out steam, and brush it with egg yolk. Place the meat on a greased baking sheet and bake it in a preheated moderately hot oven (190°C/375°F, gas mark 5) for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the pastry is golden and crisp. Serve in thick slices with bitter orange or redcurrant

Lamb steaks cut from the leg make a substantial special occasional grill. The slices should be between 1.25cm and 2cm (1 inch to 1 inch) thick and will have a small piece of bone in the centre. To stop them from curling while cooking, insert two skewers in an X-shape horizon-tally through each slice. Grilled lamb steaks

Serves four 4 feg of lamb steaks i clove garlic, crushed

Salt and freshly ground black pepper Fresh or dried herbs to taste : thyme,

marjoram, tarragon, rosemary 3 tablespoons olive oil 2 tablespoons fresh lemon inice

Pat the steaks dry and arrange them on a plate. Combine all the other ingredients for the marinade and pour it over the meat. Marinate the steaks for an hour or two at room temperature, turning

skewer the steaks to keep them flat during cooking, and grill them on a pre-heated very hot grill for about six minutes on each side. Baste the meat with the marinade during cooking, and make sure the meat is heat-sealed on both sides before lowering the heat if it is cooking

too quickly.

Chump chops and lamb cutlets are also suitable for this recipe. Serve grilled lamb steaks with baked poratoes and plenty of crisp green salad.

Shoulder of lamb is cheaper than leg, and for roasting I prefer it. The meat is all the sweeter for the fat layers in which is best roasted slowly.

Reast shoulder of lamb erves four whole shoulder of lamb weighing 1.35 kg to 1.6 kg (3 to 31 lbs). 1 clove garlic, peeled.

Salt- and freshly ground black peoper For the gravy..... 150 ml (‡ pint) light chicken stock l teaspoon dried tarragon, or fresh when

Salt and freshly ground black pepper I tablespoon redcurrent jelly (optional). 1 teaspoon cornflow (optional) . Par the meat dry. Cut the garlic into

thin slices and, using your fingers, inserts the slivers into the meat. Dust the joint on both sides with floor, salt and pepper and lay it, the side down, on a rack in a roasting rin. Roast it in a presenced moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas Mark 4). for 25 minutes per 450 grammes (1 h); plus-25 minutes more. (Add another 15 minutes if the meat is cold from the

Rest the meat in the oven with the heat turned off and the door half open for about 10 minutes before carving.

While the mear is resting, make the gravy. Skim all the far from the juices in the roasting in, and add the chicken stock. Stir to dissolve the crusty bits from the tin, and add the tarragon red-currant jelly and seasonings. For thin gravy, simply bring to the boil strain and serve. For thicker gravy blend the cornflour with a little water and stir into the liquid. Bring to the boil and keep at boiling point for a minute or two before

straining and serving
Baked poratoes cooked without far are a better accompaniment with shoulder of lamb than the traditional roast potatoes Roasted onions and fresh carrots are sweet-tasting vegetables which go well with soring lamb.

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Sheep being driven down Fore Street, London, EC2 with St Giles Cripplegate in the background. Wash drawing by T. H. Shepherd c 1830.

When divorce can make fathers strangers to their children

ment and as President of the Bangkok Bank which he has made the largest bank in Southtold, has been devalued. But is it not farberhood that has gone by the board? One million ing unemployment, worsening children, it is estimated, live with one parent or in a family where only one parent is their balance of payments and the

worst drought in a decade threatening rise and other agri-cultural exports which are the lifeblood of the nation. own.
One of the saddest statistics in the whole divorce saga is that half these children never General Prem selected 17 see their real fathers again once the divorce is through. Do hese fathers just fall by the

The whole subject will get an airing when Kramer v Kramer—the celebrated film about a custody battle for a small boy—

is shown in London later this

nouth. One way or another this month. One way or another there will be a lot of talk about rights—fathers' rights. But what about children's rights? Although the courts have said the rights of fathers' access is the right of

fathers' access is the right of the child, this is twaddle be-

cause they never enforce it.

Kramer v Kramer is more likely to confuse than clarify the issue. Most divorced fathers in the United States or here

do not try for sole custody unless the circumstances are bizarre. The conventional wis-dom, which few fathers have the

financial resources to challenge,

is that children are best left

members of the Lower House for Cabinet posts. There were only three in the previous government, a situation which wayside—or are they pushed? There are plenty of men who up and leave their families with contributed to its downfall. General Prem made his repu never a thought. And they pro-bably incur less social oppro-brium than the mothers who do the same thing. But equally there are many who find that tation as a military commander fighting Thai communist insurgents between 1974 and 1977 in north-eastern Thailand, the poorest region, where the insurwhen they divorce their wives they divorce their children as well. The law offers them, and more to the point their chilgency was then growing alarmingly. dren, no protection.

during the military dictatorship headed by Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn from 1963 Within a few months General Prem put the insurgents into a retreat which they have never He has never been enthusiastic about Thailand's increasingly reversed.

Hongkong and communist police to work together

From Richard Hughes Hongkong, March 12

Hongkong and Chinese police have joined in a drive against crime on both sides of the border.

Information on the movement of suspected criminals between Hongkong and Canton in particular will be exchanged through Communist Party representatives at the Hongkong branch of the New China news agency or on important matters through diplomatic channels.

Full details of the offences, records and evidence against people arrested on one side of the border, which might assist detained at the border.

police on the other side, will also be exchanged.

The new cooperation has already struck successfully at

the operation of several syndi-cates engaged in illegal immi-gration. It is also considered likely that Hongkong will stop accepting as residents illegal entrants who have managed to evade the reinforced border and sea guards to reach families and relatives in Hongkong.

That indulgence has been granted since Hongkong's stern in 1974 to cease being a sanctuary for escapers from the mainland and to repratriate" forcibly all those

Motherhood, we are constantly dora's box would be opened if ling how much time a child every divorce involved weigh-ing up the respective merits of two equally kind loving and worthy parents who just did not happen to get on together. Judges are rarely called on

to decide the fate of children and perhaps we should be grate-ful. Because when they are they do so with such devastating dotthat anyone would despair. Last year a father who had taken care of his infant son singlehanded when his wife left home shortly after the birth was told to hand him back and go and do something more suitable with his life, like going out to work and earning some money. But a few weeks ago Lord Denning made a similar custody order when a father had done

just that as well as looking after his daughter when his wife left Men feel they cannot win. They are angry, and no wonder. They are angry, and no wonder. But these cases are mercifully few and far between. The real failure of the present system is that it offers no way for the absent parent, usually the father, to continue his role after divorce. The system, if anything, actively discourages it. If children have any rights at all in divorce it must be to all in divorce it must be to enjoy, as far as possible, the love, care and attention of both the parents. But what actually

All the courts have to do is satisfy themselves that proper arrangements have been made for the children. A divorced father will get "reasonable access" but no one knows what that should be. It is what his ex-wife thinks it should be, more often than not Ex-wife. is that children are best left with their mothers. That may be sexist, prejudiced and completely our of date in this role swapping era. But what a Pan-

should have with a non-custodial parent? And a court can make any orders it fancies-there is no way of enforcing them.

If a mother wants to keep children from their father there is not much anyone can do about it. The rules on access and children's welfare are nowhere near as developed as they are, say, on maintenance or the tamily home.

You may ask what prompts solicitors and lawyers—even sometimes social workers—to stand up in court and argue against a man seeing his children for more than two hours every Sanurday, or not at all. The enswer is they are only doing their job. They go home like everyone else on Friday night to watch Miss Piggy with

Many feel there is no solution, or that a court is no place truth is that the state of the aw is primitive on matters like custody and access. There is pleaty that could be done to incorove matters.

It seems incredible that joint custody orders—which gives parents equal say in a child's education, religion and general welfare—are still the exception, not the rule. And they are viropposes it.

If the mother has sole cus-tody the divorced father cannot demand to know how his child is doing at school or even where he is at school. In a real sense divorce makes fathers strangers to their children. The divorced man who wishes to be active in their care and up-bringing is regarded with suspicion, as a freak, and more often than not a downright

His approaches are quite likely to be put down to harassment. The general feeling seems to be that divorced mothers and their children are better off being left alone to get on with it. Every now and then some school head stands up on his or her hindlegs and says just that

But there is far more support for the argument that joint custody and proper access arrangements are a good tring. Both the work of the Bristol family conciliation service and research at the Medical Psychiatric Unit at Cambridge suggest that the problems found among children of divorced parents are less when a good relationship with the non custodial parent is established.

Post divorce fatherbood is due for rehabilitation. Across the Atlantic Dr Spock has come out in favour of alternate custody with children moving between two homes and some state laws have incorporated the state jaws have incorporated the idea. Not, one might say, because of the good doctor but because they are being ravaged by an epidemic of childsnatching which many see as the inevitable harvest of divorce laws that try to do away with dads. Those who think it could not known here will not have not happen here will not have seen the excellent Man Alive programme on the subject some weeks ago.

But already it looks as if the Law Commission will back-peddle on children witen it begins its inquiry into the present state of the divorce law. It will serve the courts right if they are haked by the strain of coning with applications for coping with applications for joint or sole custody from increasingly militant fathers.

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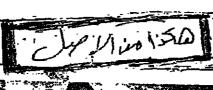
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Luca Ferrari: St Dominic interceding with the Virgin for liberation from the plague

When Venice stood in peril of pestilence

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graceful Madomal and Child, by Lorenzo Lotto in the National Gallery of Canada, Ortawa, or the celebrated early altarpiece by Titian painted for the Church of Santo Spirito in Isola, as the sixteenth-century Florentine art historian Vasari notes.

The two plague saints are

depicted standing with Saints Cosmas and Damian, patrons of medicine, before the enth-roned figure of Sr Mark, sym-bol of Venice, and so it must

have been executed as a thanks-offering for the cessation of a piague in Venice, most probably that of 1510. In this perished the young Gior-

gione, who was even credited by some with the authorship of

the altarpiece—again according to Vasari—although, as Ste-fania Mason Rinaldi points out

in her catalogue entry, there has never been any doubt as to

The cauras (in poor condi-

tion and at present under res-

toration) usually hangs in the Great Sacristy of the church of Santa Maria della Salute, the

the correct attribution.

To the audience at the first performance of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, in London in 1596, the cry of the dying Mercutio, "A plague o' both your houses!", would have had a resonance that it is impossible to imagine today, since the plague, whether bubonic or pulmonary, fulfilled a role in the popular imagination at all levels that can be rion at all levels that can be compared only with the con-semporary world's fear of nuclear calamity. An exhibition at the Palazzo Ducale, Venice, called Venice and the Plague 1348-1797 (until April 6) attempts, with a considerable degree of success, by the use of degree warks of art and of documents, works of art and objects of daily use, to evoke the traumatic impact of a disease that struck indiscriminately, and without warning, and was impervious to medi-

Bubonic plague is first recorded in Europe in the sixth century but the exhibi-tion concentrates on the period from the coses of the Black Death to the fall of the repub-lic, after which another hundred years were to elapse before Simond made the discovery that the plague was car-ried by fleas on the boeles of black rats. For centuries scholars and doctors argued as to the respective importance of miasma" and "contagion". mplacable infection spread.

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miasma" and "contagion", and, during the early days of the disastrous plague of 1575-77, a group of learned men from Padua and Venice sat solemnly debating the question in the Sala del Muggior Con-siglio of the Palazzo Ducale, while in the streets outside the It was the Genoese who brought the Black Death to Europe from the Crimea, where their outpost at Kaffa

was being besieged by the

London Sinfonietta St John's Paul Griffiths

With the London Sinfonietta's marvellous post-1945 series now nearing its end, it was time on Tuesday for a firm injection of humour. Ligeti's chamber con-certo, fickle and feather-light in its wit, was the perfect opener, a work whose comic charms have not faded during the decade since it was written, and which with each hearing comes to seem ever more subtle in its play of narmonies around and away from clear,

refreshing pools of octaves. Elgar Howarth conducted a delightful performance. Perhaps sensing some risk in moving straight on to a newer musical diversion, Brian

Orchestra / -Montgomery Queen Elizabeth Hall

New Irish Chamber

Stanley Sadie

Fluent rhythms and amiable, unpretentious music-making marked Tuesday's "Sense of Ireland" concert. The New Irish Chamber Orchestra are not a virtuoso group, and in their main item, Mozart's G minor Symphony, they perhaps did wisely to set their sights fairly low. Kenneth Montgomery made no attempt at passion or tragedy and was generally content to let the music speak for

itself. It did so, but with excessive discretion. The music needs to be a little more eventful than this. In the first movement Mozart's powerful gestures and wrenching modulations came and went without really ruffling the surface; in the Andante the lines were too bland to carry any charge of spiritual elec-tricity. The minuet was coolly metrical; the finale busy but

not agitated. If one is going to take life as easily as this, better to choose music with fewer emotional overtones. One could admire some of the playing (notably the upper strings and the first bassoon), and the light tex-

Mongols, who catapulted the role is therapeutic. Thus the bodies of plague victims into two saints are frequently the city, thus infecting the depicted together, as in the bodies of plague victims into the ciry, thus infecting the defendants who hurriedly set sail for Europe, bringing with them the germs of the Black Death that is estimated to have caused the end of some 25 million people. Soldiers and ships were traditionally the carriers of plague, hence the peculiar vulnerability of Venice, access to which was until 1846 solely by water, while deliberate concealment or underestimation of the seriousness of an outbreak for political reasons often delayed the taking of appro-priate measures until it was too late and the infection had taken hold: as recently as 1911 Thomas Mann, in Death in Venice, describes the conspir-acy to deny the existence of Asiatic cholera, the fear of the supporting official

Fear was one of the motiva-tions which produced the works of art connected with the plague, and the image of St Sebastian was invoked as a prophylactic, since he was credited with having protected Rome from the plague in Rome from the plague of the church of the suffered the first stage of the suffered the heads of the hands of the works of art comhis fellow-soldiers who tied him naked to a tree and shot at him with arrows, themselves ar aim with arrows, themselves, symbols of the plague, representing the wrath of God. St Sebastian died during the reign of Diocletion at the end of the third century. The other saint principally associated with the plague St Poch lived in the plague, St Roch, lived in fourteenth century, Montpellier; since he ceroted his life to caring for the sick. especially victims of the plague—which he eventually caught himself, being miracu-

sioned Venus Fly Trap, Mr Howarth took time off to engage

the composer in a fruitless bit

of chat. As it turned out, the new piece could have followed

eclipse, for it has quite as definite and curious a person-

Actually the title is a bit of a red herring, although useful

if it suggests something with a good deal of bite and spring, even Rite of Spring, for although Chapple writes for only a dozen players, he often recalls

Stravinsky's ballet in details of instrumental layout, in har-

mony and in the intoxicating effect of his rapid changes of

metre in music of steady,

Anyone seeking to choreo-graph this Venus Fly Trop, however, would have to cope

tures, through which the wind were readily audible; but I de-precated Mr Montgomery's way

of lightening a sustaining part when anything else was afoot, a sure way to lose such tension

as the performance might have

The other purely orchestral item was an Arne symphony, a

nice tribute to a composer with

strong Dublin connexions: a

shade over-eager in the outer

movements and over-hesitant in the Andante, but charming

enough. There was more Mozart,

the K271 piano concerto, where Miceal O'Rourke proved a dis-

appointing soloist, sounding hurried in the quicker music,

and in the slower wanting in

refinement and the sense of

how to shape a Mozartian line.

There was also a work new to

London, Music for cello and

chamber orchestra by the Dublin composer John Kinsella. It is a short (12-minute) essay

in timbres : depending at the

start mainly on soft, cloudy

string chords, moving on to rhapsodic music for the soloist

(sometimes with a degree of

eloquence) and then to a section

with rather more rhythmic life

before returning by roughly the

same course. It is a little fey,

a little watery; the predominant idiom demands, I think, at least

some music with a him more of

backbone. The soloist, Aisling

Drury Byrne, brought to it adequate commitment.

decided pulse.

ality as its patron vegetable.

Ligen without fear of

memorating the plague. Barely half a century after the plague of 1575-77, in which Titian died another outbreak swept across Italy, whither it was brought by the Imperial army, on its way to besiege Mantua. the succession to whose duke dom was in dispute. The horrifying consequences are vividly described in Alessandro Manzoni's The Betrothed, in which the utter terror that the plague inspired is chillingly conveyed. It arrived in Venice in July, 1630, reaching its peak

lously cured by an angel-his on November, during which with long stretches of rapid, bustling motion. Chapple works hard for his living in cramming quavers, but he also does his job thoroughly in making sure that everything works. Venus Fly Trap is an unusually efficient composition, as well as an unusually funny one, and

it won a properly jolly and quirky performance After that they returned to one of their earliest commis-sions and one of their very luckiest: Birtwhistle's Verses For Ensembles, searing stuff after the amusements that had gone before. Indeed, in the resonant space of Sr John's, the work seemed more than ever an work seemed more than ever an ecstasy of fury, with its violently contorted solos for high woodwind, its blistering fanfares for two trumpers, and its deliriously hyperactive percussion.

RPO/Klee Festival Hall

Barry Millington

Bernhard Klee and Alfred Brendel joined forces on Tuesday in a varied programme that turned up one or two surprises. The partnership produced two performances of exceptional quality: Mozart's Piano Concerto No 12 in A major (K.414) and Weber's Konzertstück in F minor.

The Mozart occasionally looks forward to the later master-piece in the same key. K.488, but by comparison is a less troubled, lighter work. That was certainly the way this pianist and conductor saw it, and Alfred Brendel brought his most delicate touch to bear, in phrase after phrase of ravishing beauty. Many he tailed off, so that they vanished as imperceptibly as they had begun: others were blended with orchestral texture so cunningly that the solo/tutti division was

almost forgotten. In the Weber, too, in spite of the profusion of accented notes, and markings like "allegro passionato". Brendel's interpretation was a tracery of subtle nuance and phrasing. A sense of urgency was never far absent, and followers of the Romantic "programme" that Weber provided should not have been disappointed.

month 14,465 people died, and an early masterpiece by the petering out in October, 1631, artist, who had established his having reduced the population reputation the year before of Venice by about 30 per cent, according to Paolo Preto in an essay in the catalogue on Plugue and Population.

The Church of the Salute, designed by Baldassare Long-hena, begun in 1631 but nor consecrated until 1687, is a masterly interpretation of basically Palladian themes in baroque terms. Its plan, an ocrag-onal nave opening into a chan-cel with apsidal ends (based on that at Palladio's Church of the Redentere, also begun in time of plague, 1576) is derived from the crown and star, both symbols of the Virgip. The high altar by Justus le Court (1627-78) is the visual as well as the iconographic focus of the entire structure, depicting in marble Venice im-ploring the Virgin to banish the Plague (c.1670). This remains in the church, but a remarkable study for the facade of the building, probably by Longbena, is included in the exhibition, showing a very different form of the dome (seemingly derived from the Duomo at Florence) surmonuted py a cluster

statue of the Virgin. Among the most important vorks of art on view at the Palazzo Ducale is the stupen dous St Sebastian by Andrea Mantegna from the Ca d'Oro (will it ever reopen? Rumour has it that it will not, pre-sented by itself in a darkened room and bideously over-lit, so that it looks like an enormous colour transparency. The Tin-toretto from the Church of San Rocco, St Roch visiting the pla-gue-stricken (1549), is shown much more sensitively, and newly cleaned is revealed as

reputation the year before with the dramatic St Mark freeing a slave, now in the Accademia. The later pictures include a large convas by Luca Ferrari (1605-54), St Dominic interceding with the Virgin for Libraria. Liberation from the plague (1630), which is full of fascinating detail, two small but higly effective works by Fran-cesco Maffei, St Sebastian and St Roch and a vigorous sketch, from the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, by Antonio Zanchi (1651-1722) for his buge canvas on the staircase at the Scuola di San Rocco, signed and dated 1666. At the

Scuola a special display has been mounted, of objects from the Treasury, which is not normally accessible.

Fortunately, life in Venico was not all death and disease, and a delightful exhibition at the Muses Correct Ricease. the Museo Correr, Bissone, peote e galleggianti (until April 181, consists of drawings, watercolours and engravings of the elaborately decorated craft that were produced for state occasions in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. There is of Saxony (later King of Poland), 1716, while from 1807 dates the Doric triumphal arch designed by G. A. Selva for the arrival of Napoleon (an event which took place under a terrestrial downpour) that floated on the Grand Canal opposite where the railway station now stands. The Reguta Storica still takes place, on the first Sunday in September, but it is a feeble echo of the dazzling spectacle which these must have presented.

Jeffery Daniels | day's later editions

London debuts

although the music was not cinating recompositions of later form they remain among the most atmospheric of all piano duer music, but this was not entirely apparent from Jocelyn Abbott and Richard Mapp's performance, intelligent and sympathetic though it was.

Often their approach was too direct and literal, and, for instance, the first movement, Pour invoquer Pan, dieu du vent d'été", lacked the open-air feeling that Debussy had in mind (" dans le style d'une pas-toral"). Their account of Schubert's large-scale Fantasy D.940 was, again, well prepared so far as ensemble went, yet their interpretation was too straight-forward, especially in the infinitely sad opening F minor theme. It worked much better in the Allegra vivace section, and the fugato sounder excellent, although even here there was a certain undue heaviness.

The Halcyon Wind Quinter began with Reicha's Op. 88 No. 2, a busy, nuneful piece that was neatly performed once the players had settled down; at first they made a stronger as a proportion of the players had settled down; at first they made a stronger as a proportion of the players are accomplished. impression as accomplished individuals than as a well-practised team. However, for the rest of their programme interest centred on the unfamihar works rather than on nice-ties of performance.

Christopher Brown's Diverti-mento offers five light-weight yet inventive movements promp-ted by aspects of Shakespeare's ing in Ville-Lobos's Ciranilas. yet inventive movements promp-ted by aspects of Shakespeare's The Merry Wives of Windsor. The alfresco lyricism of the second piece-Windsor Park, early evening—is particularly agreeable, and there is some deft ensemble jugglery in the finale also, which portrays the actors relaxing after the play has ended.
Paul Parkinson's Quintet is

effectively written

Debussy's Epigraphics Antiques medium, too and considerable were first heard in 1917, interest arises in the first movement from the way the entirely new for they are fas- material is reworked with thematic inversions and the instruinstrumental pieces written in ments swapping their parts.

1901 as a background for the There is more of the same in recitation of Pierre Louys's the Lento, and the finale is a Chansons de Bilitis. In their quite well-argued fugue whose subject is marked by syncopa-tion and wide intervals, In Beethoven's Variations on

Mozart's Bei Männern welche Liebe jühlen Donald McCall drew a notably strong, well detined tone from his cello, with much decisive phrasing. Imagination, finesse, and the most sensitive nuances were evident in Debussy's Sonata and the Piece en forme d'hanancra by Ravel. A far more overt virtuosity is demanded by Kodaly's Sonata Op. 8 for unaccompanied cells. and Mr McCall supplied it to the full; the central Adagio. with beautifully tant lines and shifting tone-colours, was especially impressive. Franck's Sonata received an ardent performance, but for this I moved to a seat nearer the front, and whereas before Julian Dawson-Lyell's contributions had sounded most apt, his piano playing

now seemed too loud.

Miguel Proenca did not at all catch the invardness of Brahms's Op. 119 Intermezzos, tending to inflate the music at almost every turn. He was better suited by temperament to the same composer's youthful Sonata Op. 5, and produced an appropriately large tone. In one sense he was up to this score's great technical demands, yet his reading was often arbitrary though even here there was a tendency to overstate the case. Easily his best playing came in the Andante of Scriabin's Sonata No 4, with its delicately outlandish harmonies and rare-fied keyboard textures; but the

Max Harrison

Loose Connections Old Red Lion

Ned Chaillet

Cabaret is always dving and being born again. Although London is down to one black-tie venue, at Quaglino's, the pure form still pops up in some of the scruffy rooms, pleasant and otherwise, scattered in pubs throughout the city. In nearly prisring New York form it has just resurfaced in Islington, in a pub called the Old Red Lion, ar the Angel.

Loose Connections is a collection of lyrics by Fran Landesman put to music by Jason McAuliffe. With three singers and Mr McAuliffe singing and playing the piano it is an even-ing very much in the Mau-hattan manner, with voices swooping in and our on varia-tions of a theme, tying together a fantastic rococo chinoiserie groups of songs under headings "peota" from the regatta in honour of the Electoral Prince You Are?" and "Friends".

It is good to see Fran Landesman's progress into poetry halted by the firm musicality of Mr McAuliffe's tunes. Her name was made as a jazz flirratiously torching a song lyricist, where titles like about curling up in bed with a "Spring Can Really Hang You good book. Up The Most" readily signify her attachment to the jazz world. Recently, with her lyrics going into print as poems and her own disarming tuneless readings in clubs and the cabaret at pub prices.

National Theatre, she has moved away from music. Her words are likely to have a much longer life as sorgs.

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lack of restraint.

The show has its moments of cabarer cliche, the singers strut-ting in a row with a hand on each other's shoulder, but some of the slick postures turn the trick and make rousing musical theatre from the stories of the songs. Fran Laudesman deals in the display of emotion, protecting her feelings only through her brittle wit.

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Mr McAuliffe occupies stage centre. slightly pudgy and rather larger than life in the spotlight, a sort of minor Meatloaf, the current man-mountain of rock in roll. His keyboards sustain the evening somewhat better than his voice does, but he makes the most of a countain he makes the most of a couple of the best songs, snagging "Jaywalkin'", a celebration of crossing against the lights, for himself.

Polly Murray, Glyn James and Verity Anne Meldrum share the rest of the musical chores, with enough vitality to win out against a couple of drunken becklers, those cabaret inevitables. It is Miss Meidrum who makes the higgest impact.

The music seems familiar rather than surprising, as if one should know it from Broadway, but it fits the lyrics ex-actly. It makes for high-gloss

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yester-

Peter Coe on the state of the century

"Who was it dubbed that decade the Threadbare Thirties? Groucho Marx? Well, I think we're embarking on the Threadbare Eighties and it's no sur-prise that there is a taste for manners and attitudes of 50 years ago."

Peter Coe was talking during

the rehearsals of On the Twen-tieth Century, the first major new musical of the year in the West End, which opens at Her Majesty's next Wednesday. The Twentieth Century in question is a train which ran from Chicago to New York and 50 years back it provided the title for the comedy Ben Hecht and Charles Macarthur wrote on the adventures of those aboard it. Betty Comden and Adolph Green used the play and the subsequent movie for their libretto, Cy Coleman wrote the score and just over two years ago Hal Prince directed it on Broadway. Prince normally exercises tight personal super-vision when his New York successes transfer to London or indeed move in the reverse direction, as in the case of Evita. But, with an opera to produce in Chicago and Sweeney Todd to prepare for Drury Lane in midsummer, Mr Prince has changed his normal policy on this occasion: Twentieth Century is under the direction of Peter Coe. How close will it be to the Broadway

staging? "I simply don't know. I didn't see it on Broadway and that was a marter of policy. If I dírect a musical, or a straight play for that matter, which has director's work or you employ someone to start from scratch. I believe in the second category and I did the auditioning for the London cast. The only element taken from the Broadway production is Robin Wagner's

Wagner is one of the most talented designers working in New York at the moment and



Theatre swept the audience on board, an art-deco creation which hissed and purred along the tracks to Grand Central Station. The cynics dubbed it the star of the show. Would this be a danger in London?

"I hope not, though I share your admiration for Robin Wagner's work. But you can't allow the scenery to be the star, although it almost happened ship with Sean Kenny. Audiences used to come to see what listen to the words, or the music, as the case happened

original. That was the case with The Miracle Worker and it's the same with Twentieth a strong romantic story. I suppose your Either you engage own production of Oliver! against that argument. Well, Oliver! is the exception and it child appeal". I learnt that to my cost recently when I was called in to tighten the Albery Theatre performance. Shortly afterwards the takings went up from £12,000 to £19,000 a week, but it transpired that happened because of balf-term."

his train at the St James Century on Broadway, taken by moment. Look at the success

John Cullum, of the flamboyant actor-manager who has to sign

"No. I don't see Keith Michell in this light at all. I went back to the Hecht-Macarthur play. I always return to first sources-Lionel Bart's script for Oliver! was hardly towards the end of my partner- satisfactory and we needed Dickens. And irs reasonably obvious that the actor manager Scan had created rather than to is based not on Barrymore but on David Belasco of Madam Butterfly fame. So we're hoping to create a man of extravagant we've got to make sure that the flambovance does not

> "There has to be a certain amount of sentimentality. It's the same with the score. You say it has hims of Lehar, I think it looks back almost to Novello. Certainly it's close to operetta. And that's in its recken that I am the only direcfavour as far as audiences are tor working in the West End at concerned because of the present rogue for nostalgia, the The leading role in Twentieth escapist trap we are in at the

the RSC are having with Once "We don't want to confront anything disagreeable at the moment in the way that we confronted Joe Eggs in the Sixties, because of the denression around us. I'm sure that's when the Most End musical why my last West End musical,

Flowers for Algernon, failed. Audiences did not want to see

a musical about a retarded shop boy, although in Canada it was a huge success." Algernon began in the thean's complex of Edmonton, which Peter Coe took over from John Neville. He spends roughly half seven-month season which begins each October. The position, on a grand scale, is not so far from the one he occupied at the Mermaid when it first opened at Blackfriars just over

20 years ago. "My job at Edmonton, which is oil-rich, rather like a Cana-dian Texas, is to put the place on the cultural map. I try to attract major artists to the a star to keep the creditors at theatre and hope that we will bay, was clearly based on John get a transfer to London or to Barrymore. Will Peter Coe fol-low suit? Broadway. Sometimes it works, as with Roy Dotrice's one-man show Mr Lincoln, which has just opened in New York and looks set for success; and sometimes, as we've seen with Algernon, it doesn't. I'm hoping that Richard Dreyfus and Julic Harris will be with us next winter.

"I enjoy Edmonton because as an independent producer you can spend an awful lot of time between engagements doing nothing, particularly if you refuse to join Equity, as I have done. I am not against unions. but I am against being coerced into joining organizations which seem to me inappropriate to the work I do. Why should a overshadow the human element. director, who often has to align himself with management, be forced to join a union that is comprised mainly of actors? A few years back it must have cost me about £40,000 in lost fees to fight that one, but I

> ber of Equity." John Higgins

Football

Wolves drop **Thomas** from the final

Dave Thomas is out of the Wolverhampton Wanderers party for the League Cup Bnal at Wembley on Saturday—and will not even see the match. The former England winger, who cost Wolvess £325,000 from Everton last October, said that he could see no f325,000 from Everton last October, said that he could see no
future for himself at Molineux.

"What has gone on between me
and the club is a personal matter.
It is a very disappointing time in
my career but I am determined to
bounce back. Joining Wolves just
has not worked out. I will not be
at Wemblev on Saturday but I
wish the players all the best,"
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Things have not been right between John Barnwell, the manager, and Thomas for some time. The matter came to a head on Monday when Thomas was taken out of the party for the league match at Villa Park.

Mr Barnwell said: "All I am saying is that Thomas is not in the Wembley squad. I don't want to cause any ripples before the final though I might have something to say on Monday".

Wolves trained at Lilleshall yesterday while their midfield player, Kenty Hibblit, was back at Molineux. He has been "having" intensive treatment on a thigh muscle and Mr Barnwell said: "He will only play in the final



Thomas: "joining Wolves just has not worked out".

terday while their midfield player, Kenny Hibbitt, was back at Molineux. He has been "having "intensive treatment on a thigh muscle and Mr Barnwell said: "He will only play in the final if I am satisfied he is 100 cer cent fit. One degree under will not be enough".

Dave Needham and Ian Bowyer were yesterday waiting to be called into Nottingham Forest's side for the final the manager, expects to have to make two changes to his regular line-up as Forest try to win the trophy for a third successive season. But he will not know for sure until Larry Lloyd has faced an FA disciplinary commission in Birmingham today after reaching.

Thomas: "joining Wolves just has not worked out".

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Tottenham's centre-back Paul
Miller was sent off after 36
minutes for punching Garry
Birtles. Until then Forest had
falled to show any form that
might worry Wolves. It took
them until the seventieth minute
to score. Burns finally opened
the floodgates with two goals in
four minutes and Francis added a
couple for good measure.
Wolves will have Andy Gray
back after suspension, and John
Richards and Mel Eves, rested for
the Villa game, also expect a
recall.

Hunter left out

of Northern

Ireland party

It was commonly believed that the combination jump was the one pitfall that might have unhinged Cousins. We recall that it did him no favours during the European champiouships in Goteburg. This time, he brought it off perfectly right at the start of his two unbutes, a double loop-triple toe loop, and all seemed well.

The order at the end of the first two compulsory dances today shows a significant advance on the part of the British champions, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. They lie third behind Natalia Limichuk and Gennadi Karponosov (Soviet Union) and Krisztina Regoczy and Andras Sallay (Hungary), respectively World and Olympic champions and runnersup. Olympic champions and runnersup.

In fourth place—and here is the
point of achievement—are Irina
Moiseyeva and Andrei Minenkov,
the second Russian pair, former
World champions and winners of
the bronze medals at Lake Placid.
This is the first time that the
British couple have got in front
of Miss Moiseyeva and her husband in the three years they have
experienced international competition at this level.

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ne seemed even less happer than minor variations here and there, he had a general score of 5.7. Given a perfect programme by Cousins in the manner that he alone can

achieve among modern skaters, there was a possibility of a solid advance when Cousins came outo the ice at the end of the

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There is a small margin between them, as the place marks (28 to 29) and the overall marks (39.04 to 38.84) will indicate, but the step forward may reasonably be seen as the shape of things soon to come, if not here ("There is a long way to go yet". Deans says with understandable caution) then in 1981, assuming the Russians stay in competition. Similarly there is little between the two leading couples. Two judges, indeed, prefer the Hun-

Cousins left with just a toe-hold on title

garians, the popular favourites, in spite of an uncharacteristic stumble by Sallay in the waltz, and, even if one of them is a compatriot, there should be no disposition on the part of the American judge to show any favouritism. The British judge, Pamela Davis, scores 1st, as the boring fraternity would say, 1:3-1:1 to Miss Linichuk and her partner in gross marks. After factoring that represents less than a tenth of a mark in the free dance.

The double and soured and now that he was clearly beginning to enjoy hintself, so were we. Then he embarked on his intricate step sequence and had seemed to have completed it when he caught a left foot toe rake and went sprawing. Cousins was at a loss to explain his error. I have never done that in my entire life before," he said. "It just happened, it was not through lack of concentration." Whatever it was, or was dot, it was certainly a costly aberration. Cousins was not heavily penaltzed on the assumption presum-From John Hennessy
Dortmund, March 12
Robin Consins's bopes of addingthe world figure skating championship to his European and Olympic titles, virtually disappeared in a splir second here this afternoon, He fell near the end of his step sequence in the short programme and although he was still first in this element the advantage he gained over the leader, Jan Hoffmann, of East Germany, was too slender to leave him with more than an outsider's chance in tomorrow night's free skating. chance in tomorrow night's free skating.
Cousins, however, climbed two places and the order at the top is now Hoffmann, David Santes (United States). Cousins, and Charles Tickner (United States). As a result of his frailty in year-terday's compalsory figures. Cousins's task was daunting enough before today dawned. But there seemed to be a ray of home there seemed to be a ray of hope when Hoffmann presented his abort programme.

The East German champion was as dependable as ever, but he seemed even less inspired than was certainly a costly aberranian.

Cousins was not heavily penalized, on the assumption presumably that he had completed most of the required element, the step sequence, but of course the high marks he needed for rechnical merit were denied him. He was given six marks of 5.6, two of 5.7, and one of 5.8, generous stores in the circumstances. He had seven of 5.9 for artistic impression and two of 5.8. Geoffrey Yates, of Britain, was one of the two who marked him lowest, with 5.8.

The accompanying table shows the disparity between Consin's marks and Hoffmann's, assuming Santee does not throw a spanner in the works. If Consins is to win, which of course is now a forlorn hope, he must take first place from five judges. So far as Mr Yates is concerned 0.3 in tomorrow's free skating would be enough to overhaul Hoffmann but elsewhere he needs at least 0.4. The shot is not on the board, not

enough to overhaul Hoffmann but elsewhere he needs at least 0.4. The shot is not on the board, not if Hoffmann, the Olympic runnerup, is anywhere near his impressive Lake Placid form.

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Marks after short programme

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Junior party formed The national team manager, Paul The national team manager, raing Hinthins, has received the backing of the Lawn Tennis Association to form a three-man British junior Davis Cup party. The party will Davis Cup party. The party consist of Rohun Beven and Jeremy Dier, both from Sussex, and Buckinghamshire's Keith

Miss Epple's first **World Cup** success

referry of her careet in a grant statom, here today, the last women's individual event, of the season.

Miss Epple, a silver medal winner in the Olympic giant statom, had the second fastest time in the first leg and won the second to overhant Perrine Pelen of France with a combined time of 2min 17.37sec. Third was Fablenme Serrat of France.

"I could cry for log I was really going for a win from the start and somehow I thought I could make it", the 23-year-old West German said.

Conditions were far from ideal on the first run, with 49 gates and a vertical drop of 350 metres. Late starters had to contend with falling snow that slowed them down and thick fog. One of the unlucky ones was Hanni Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, a double Olympic gold medal winner and overall world cup winner this season, who came only into in the first leg. Despite a fast second run, she could manage only fifth overall.

Even more unlucky was Curista Kinshofer of West Germany, third after the first run and fastest over the first part of the second until she lost a pole and did well to finish fourth. The same fate was suffered by Switzerland's Lise Marie Morerod, one of the great stalom skiers until a serious car crash some years ago left her unconscious for several weeks. She kept going for several gates but then lost her balance and fell heavily for the second time in two days. With this year's World Cup already decided some of the usual tension was missing today, and the main interest centred on who would be around next year.

Miss Morerod, whose heroic comeback this season has amazed

Rugby League

Wright receives permission to play for club

By Keith Macklin

The England winger, Stuart
Wright, may play for Widnes in
the first division on Sunday
despite pulling out of the England
team to play France on the same
day. Wright, who has sprained an
ankle, is unable to travel with
the rest of the England party to
France today although there are
possibilities that the ankle may
have recovered sufficiently to
allow him to play at Narbonne.

The international selectors have,
however, decided not to risk
taking him to France, and Rugby
League officials have decided to
bend the normal ruling, thus
allowing him to turn out for his
club against York on Sunday
should the injury be treated
successfully in the meantime.

Wright is the third England
allower more possible of Sunday's Wright is the third England player to pull out of Sunday's European championship decider through injury. Already out of action are the scrum half, Neil Holding, and a second row forward, Len Casey.



Miss Epple: overhauled Miss Pellen to win the last individual event of the season.

her doctors, said she might stop now. After falling yesterday she said she was having trouble remembering the gate kyout.

Miss Pelen, who won this year's World Cup sialom event and came fourth overall; said she still did not quite believe that Mrs Moser and Miss Nadig would retire.

"Next year I'm going to do downhills because I want to be in the running for the World Cup", the French girl said.

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Chelsea try to sign Viljoen

Chelsea made a late attempt to bear today's transfer deadline when they tried to sign Manchester City's former England midfield player, Colin Viljoen, yesterday. Viljoen is rated at £50,000. After losing the leadership of the second division when they lost 5—1 to Birmingham on Tuesday night, Chelsea's assistant manager, Bobby Gould, said: "We have made an inquiry about Viljoen and at the moment are considering the situation. We want to sign him because his experience would help no."

us." The Doncaster goalkeeper, Peacock, has joined the first division club, Bolton Wanderers, in a \$70,000 transfer deal. Peacock, Doncaster's longest-serving player, made his 200th league appearance for the club in Tuesday night's 2—0 home defeat against Hartle-	season. Elwiss has been out first team for 14 months of knee trouble. The England cricketer, has agreed to join the four sion club, Scuathorpe, on contract basis, which wou him eligible, if required, first team. Botham will available up to the end o
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The Northern Ireland captain, and defender, Allan Hunter, has been dropped for the World Cup qualitying match against Israel in Tel Aviv on March 26. Hunter has won 53 caps but has been out of the Ipswich Town side for most of the season, and was omitted yesterday from the first Northern Ireland party chosen since Billy Bingham started his second spell as manager.

Mr Bingham has chosen 22 players, but will later trim the party to 16. Uncapped players in the party are the Blackburn Rovers striker Brotherston, the Luton Town defender Lonaghy, McClelland of Mansfield Town, Lincoln City goalkeeper McManus and O'Neill of Leicester City.

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Rugby Union

Greenhalgh and Jackson have all the answers

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By Gordon Allan St Mary's 23 Westminster 3
St Mary's won the Hospitals
Cup for the third year running
when they beat Westminster by
two goals, a penalty goal and two
tries to a penalty goal at Richmond yesterday. Two men who
played leading parts in last Saturday's John Player Cup matches,
Greenbalgh, of Rosslyn Park, and
Jackson, of Harlequins, contributed 15 pts between them.

In the sense that St Mary's
never looked like losing, it was a
dull match. On a wet afternoon
they knew most of the answers
and could afford to make mistakes confident in the knowledge
that Westminster would make
even more. Westminster von little
consistently usable possession St
Mary's won 21 they needed and St Mary's 23 Westminster 3 consistently usable possession St Mary's won all they needed, and with Ralston pushing them uprield with long touch kicks, they had their hands on the cup soon after half times

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Greenhalgh and Jackson scored a try each in the first half. After 20 minutes of nondescript rugby, Ralston cut through from a scrummage on the Westminster 22 and Greenhalgh rounded the move off. Jackson drove over in the corner from a heel against the head, the first of three by St Mary's. Greenhalgh converted his own try. Macavlay kicked a simple penalty for Westminster.

might steal back into the game in the second half disappeared almost at once. Sweeney charged down a kick just outside the Westminster kick just outside the Westminster 22, regained the ball, and scored near the posts. Greenhalgh converted, and then kicked a penalty. Westminster managed something of a revival about this time but it was too piecemeal to bring results. and Dion, deputising for the injured McKibbin, scored St Mary's last try.

The build-up was impressive. Jackson and company made ground

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The build-up was impressive. Jackson and company made ground in a forward attack. A ruck on the right was followed by another on the left, and when Alun Lewis swung the ball away again, Dixon had room to score without using Davidson on the overlap. The last quarter was almost superfluous. Some of the spectators seemed to think so, too, because they showed more interest in hurling flour bags. A final thought for next year: could both teams, whoever they may be, please find numbered ierseys?

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL: M. Sweeney:
Lection J. President M. Wastreid M. Wastrimister M. Sheeper. P. Asquite M. M. Leeper. P. Asquite M. Leeper. M. Leeper. P. Botton. G. Referee: Major P. Lillington London:



Greenhalgh on his way to first try for St Mary's.

Welsh ambition is foiled but one kick earns cup

By Richard Streeton
Bristol Poly 0 Poly of Wales 3
The Polytechnic of Wales from
Pontypridd avenged defeat in last
year's final by the same opponents when at Roehampton yesterday they won the British Polytechnics rugby cup for the first
time. A penalty goal in the third
minute was the only score in a
stern and untidy tussle marked by
commitment and endeavour rather
than skill. The thick mud and
teeming rain were mostly responsible for this.

A well-knit Welsh pack, supported by shrewd kicking from
Griffiths and Mears at hulfback,
ensured that play remained in the
Bristol Polytechnic's half for much
of the match. Griffiths also utilized a lengthy pass to good effect
and Goslin and Jones in the centre
did enough to make spectators
wish that conditions were better.
As it was a combination of good
covering by Bristol and handling
errors by the Welsh often saw
Welsh ambition foiled.

Bristol, who were without three
first-choice players, at times
hinted that they were not reach-

Bristol, who were without three first-choice players, at times inneed that they were not reaching their potential. Once in each half they launched smooth movements along the line that came near to bringing tries; Nick Wil-

liams gained plenty of lineout possession; and Polledri did some fine unobtrusive work. Bristol certainly finished more strongly but attempted a more open approach too late.

It was a day when the heavy ground defeated all the place-kickers. Griffiths landed his first penalty attempt to bring the winning score but failed with five other chances and G. Williams missed another chance when given his only opportunity. For Bristol Sagoe, whose positional play could not be faulted, missed four long distance shots.

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BRISTOL POLYTECHNIC: F. Bague (Bristol and Somorset). G. Dive (Grien). F. Bague (Bristol and Somorset). G. Dive (Grien). F. Bristol and Somorset). G. Dive (Grien). G. Bristol Children (Bristol and Grien). G. Folland (Bristol and Grien). G. Williams (Clinon and Somerset). F. Williams (Clinon and Somerset). F. Williams (Clinon and Somerset). G. Williams (Liandovery). J. Rees (Cermarintan). J. Grossand (Maddenhaed). B. Griffitis (Kidwelly). J. Mears (Carmarinen). A. Breere (Carmarinen). J. Morpan (Carmarinen). F. Storgan (Carmarinen). G. Dehner (Rignings). G. Johns (Rignings). G. George (Rignings). G. Johns (Rignings). G. George (Rignings).

Gravell brings flash of life to a dull, desolate day

By Alan Gibson
English Univs 3. Welsh Univs 12
This game, originally planned
for Cheltenham the previous day,
ultimately took place on the Bristol University ground. This is one
of the more desolate spots of
suburban Bristol, near Canford
crematorium (it must have heen
a student who added the words
"extends a warm welcome to careless drivers"). It is a sloping
ground, and yesterday it was very
wet, so that on the lower side
every tread squished and sprayed
water.

water.

In the circumstances it was not surprisin that the game was a poor one. The Welsh Universities woo, their first victory for some years in this fixture, but a goal and two penalty goals to a penalty goal. The English were sad because they had not their best team available but that was partly their own fault, through failures in organization. As the match went, the Welsh certainly deserved to win. went, the weish country
to win.

In the first half, though the
English forwards bartled well up
the hill, the Welsh kept sufficiently in touch with the English
line to kick two penalty goals, the
lirst by Gravell (who had a
remarkably good game all round),

the second by Wyatt. Nobody, as they sloshed around, looked as if they might score a try.

After the interval when half a boring hour had gone, Bodenham kicked a penalty for England. Although the English forwards were not looking so lively as they had done earlier in the half. I thought they had enough power to win or draw the match. Not a bit of it. The Welsh had the ingenious idea of running uphill, towards the one dry corner. Wyatt came into the line, the English defence was still floundering in the mud and he did not even need to pass to his wing. He went over and kicked the conversion.

ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES: R. Bodomham (Loughborough): To Carrier Bristol). G. Fordon Durbum, P. Rabedoe (Kent). L. Thomas (Notlinaham): C. Collina (Loughborough): The Morey (Durbam): C. Collina (Loughborough): Durbum, R. Beffero, Nottineham): Manager (Notlinaham): C. Collina (Notlinaham): C. Collina (Notlinaham): C. Collina (Notlinaham): Durbum, R. Beffero, Nottineham): The Morey (Notlinaham): Manager (Notlinaham): Melson (Notlinaham): Melson (Notlinaham): Manager (Notlinaham):

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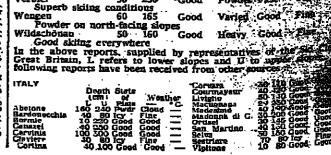
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Brearley leads again

Jenkins lifts his head and loses his chance on to the back wall and punished him for it.

By Roy McKelvie The holder, John Prenn, two former champions, William Boone and Howard Angus, and a young pretender, Randall Cravier, reached the semi-final round of the Open rackets championship at Queens Club yesterday. The round will be played over the best of seven games, not five as hitherto, tomorrow.

tomotrow.

Crawley's win over David Jenkins by 17—14, 7—15, 15—12, 15—9 provided the day with some sparkling rackets as well as a contest that looked like going either way until Crawley's more dextrous play in the railies helped him break away from 9—9 in the fourth game. Had he served less eratically his problems would have been fewer.

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have been fewer.

Jenkins fluffed his main chance in the first game in which, through some deadly serving—he made one run of five accs—he led. 10—1 and later 14—9. He had three game points but missed two of them by snatching his strokes when the openings were there. Crawley, having overhit his services, began to find a length and from 11—14 won six successive points for the game.

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Mike Brearley has be appointed captain of Middle the coming season. A sta issued by the county ye added that Brearler's vice-will be Phil Edmonds. Chappell rests

Multan, Pakistan, Marci stracked the ball throughout the second game and into the third day tour match agains in which he led deservedly \$-4 and 11-9. Here he began to life here tomotrow.—Reuter. Littlee will be rested for the day tour match against Province Governor's XI, a

> Rugby Union Cross Keys v Marista (And (7.0) HOSPITALS CUP: Final: St

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E. Cawley (Australia), 4—6,
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Templegate Hurdle

FIRST ACCEPTORS (Live
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suffer from the effects of losing

suffer from the effects of losing contact with the crowd.

Staging the later rounds on a platform at the Conference Centre was a bold industrie that failed. One reader states that he paid £7.50 for a seat last Saturday and considered this "a complete ripoff" because it was almost impossible to anoreclate the success from

sible to appreciate the squash from a position slightly below the level of the players' feet. "We were

able to move back and stightly higher so that at least we gut

some impression of movement, albeit from what seemed like a distance of about 500 yards." He hoped the organizers would

"revert to a more intimate en-vironment for watching squash ":

More people are getting burt of squash because more people are playing it. The recent tuss about

the urgent need to accelerate the development of protective equip-

ment for the eyes is soundly based but has obscured the fact trust protection should go hand in hand

with prevention. At the most rudimentary level all newcomers

should be made fully aware of the game's inherent dangers, the

hinrullah romps into **Fold Cup picture** vith a new partner

Michael Seely
was quite like old times at
itenham yesterday. That cheerextrovers Mick. O'Toole mount," the Curragh trainer said, "but I am going to wait and see if Silver Buck runs. If he doesn't if Silver Buck runs. If he doesn't I would certainly like Tommy Carmody to ride Chinrallah."

It is three years since O'Toole won his first Gold Cup with Davy Lad. The only other Irish success yesterday was that of Drumlargan, who justified 5-2 favouritism for Edward O'Grady in the Sun Alliance Hurdie. Drumlargan had been regarded as one of the bankers lied Chinrullah to win at the tival meeting for the second essive season when he cap-id the Queen Mother Champion splethase with ridiculous case, lling home 25 lengths clear of ther Dolly, hese Iristinent certainly keep inter policy.

In the proposition open. Originally wrullah was to have run in the oled so well over fences at recently ". O'Toole said, lat we opted for today's race ead "And if you can believe Chimrullah is now to run in afternoon's Gold Cup. here's got to be a doubt about stamina", the trainer said at after today's display Chimath's got to run well ". And i Diamonal Edge likely to start short price, the 16-1 on offer nst last year's Irish Sweeps die winner seems an attractive position. As well as jumping arbly Chimrullah revelled in prevailing heavy ground. However, O'Toole now has a jockey olem.

O'Toole now has a jockey olem. Was fell in the Sun Alliance thurdle. Drumlargan had been regarded as one of the bankers of the meeting and it all looked plain sailing approaching the last hurdle. But the six-year-old int it hard and his jockey, Tommy Ryan, lost control of the horse's head. Then followed an extraordinary the reins he repeatedly belaboured the combination landed the gamble, passing the post two lengths in front of Farmer. The srewards interviewed Ryan after the race and having already fined him £50 for excessive use of the wipp on Mountrivers on Tuesday this time they referred the matter to the stewards of the Jockey Club. The rest of the afternoon belonged to the smaller trainers. Willie Wumpkins, who was rid. den to perfection by Jim Wilson, won the Joc Coral Golden Hurdle in the combination of the meeting and it all looked plain sailing approaching the last hurdle. But the subty sear. The last much is side to the start and his jockey. Tommy Ryan, lost control of the horse's head. Then followed an extraordinary the reins he repeatedly belaboured the fill the reins he repeatedly belaboured the reins he repeatedly belaboured the reins he repeatedly belaboured the reins he receally have a strength and the combination landed the gamble, passing the post two the race and having already fined the race



Chinrullah up, over and clear at the last in the Queen Mother Champion Steeplechase. But victory turned sour for Hughes, the rider, when he later broke an arm.

Stow-on-the-Wold. This was Willie Wumpkins's third victory over fences, the gelding having won the Alldsworth hurdle as a five-year-old when trained by Mrs Pilkington's nephew, Adrian Maxwell. Yesterday's victory was also a family triumph as Jim Wilson is Mrs Pilkington's son-in-law.

The Sun Alliance steeplechase iell to a Chippenham farmer, Bob Hrwker, whose home-bred gelding, Lacson, came home a distance in front of the favourite, Flame Gun. Stow-on-the-Wold. This was Willie

The strongly-fancied Northern candidate, Little Owl being brought down at the fence before the water jump. Lacson is the fifth winner bred by Mr Hawker from his marc, Senlac Star. There was great excitement in the four-mile National bunt steeplechase when Wagoners Walk and Tony Fowler just held at bay the sustained chalienge of Weymouth Road. Wagoners Walk, who has won six point-to points and a hunters chase at Market Rasen, is trained

hy Caroline Mason at Malton. And finally Bob Turnell had his first winner of the fixture when his son, Andy produced Snowshill Sailor with a well timed run to capture the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup. Hexham off: following an afternoon inspection. Kit Patterson. the clerk of the course at Rexham, "The stewards had to said.

abandon as the course was water-

Wolverton can

follow the

Paris, March 12

Planing.

right pattern

From Desmond Stoneham French Racing Correspondent

The pattern race season opens in France tomorrow with the running of the group III Prix Edmond Blanc at Saint-Cloud. This one mile event has attracted eight runners and my preference is for Wolverton, who I expect to have the better of Kaldoun, Hilal and Planing.

For much of last year, Wolverton raced in the shadow of his brilliant stablemate, Bellypha, who

is now covering mares at the Haras due Quesnay. Nevertheless, Wolverton picked up three valuable races during the season. Following a second to Le Marmot in the Prix Greffulbe. Wolverton went on to take the Prix de Suresnes from Northern Baby, who won last October's Champion

won last October's Champion Stakes at Newmarket. Wolvertou's

other victories were in the Prix de la Ville de Trouville and the

one mile Prix du Rond-Point. He ran below form in the Prix Eugene Adam and Prix de la Côte Nor-

Monde.

Kaldoun's last two outings have resulted in successes at Saint-Cloud. Last October he took the Prix du Pin by live lengths from River Bank and Hilal and, earlier this month, beat Rare Peurl by a length in the Prix Vatellor which was run over tomorrow's course

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Mahmoud Fustok stable. He took fourth place behind Tannenberg in last November's Prix Perth but had, last July, landed the one mile Prix Maurice Caillault from

mile Prix Maurice Camaut from Water Lily, who has recently chalked up three wins in the United States. Rilal won first time out last season.

The most interesting horse in

the field is Planing who is argined

the field is Planing, who is trained by Arthur Bates at Maisons-Lafitte. This colt has not raced since defeating a useful field, including Wolverton, in last July's 10-furlong Prix Eugene Adam. Planing has been deliberately rested to allow his frame ample time to "fill out" so it will be fascinating to see the colt again tomorrow.

Cauthen returns

The young American jockey, Steve Cauthen, flies to this country on Monday to rejoin Barry Hills, the Lambourn trainer. Hills said yesterday: "I have runners for the opening of the Plat at Doncaster next week and Steven will be in action there."

will be in action there."

Last year Cauthen did not ride until April 7 at Salisbury when he won on his first English ride. Marquee Universal. He rode 52 winners last term and is 20-1 with Coral to land the 1980 championship. Other prices are Par Eddery 11-8. Willie Carson 6-4 and the religious champion has the Martine Champion of the Martin Resident of the Martin Resident of the Resident Residen

reigning champion, Joe Mercer 3-1.

Chumson and Rambling Jack were the main absentees at the

second acceptance stage for the Grand National, sponsored by The Sun, at Liverpool on March 29. Among the 46 horses standing their ground is Spartan Missile, who was reported as "doubtful" last week.

SECOND ACCEPTORS (Liverpool March 29: Rallyrous, Sparten Misolle Flod College, Vian Albo, Revrat Froite Flories, Second S

Grand National

Triumph hurdle

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Hilal comes from the in-form

and distance.

Diamond Edge's day but beware third fence from home

ing Correspondent

ighteen steeplechasers have d their ground for today's tenham Gold Cup which is besponsored by the Tote for the time. This will be the biggest in the race's bistory, the md being 16 in 1945. However, a may well be a defector or e may well be a defector or although Chiarullah, who ped home with the Queen her Champion Steeplechase erday, is a definite runner, his er. Mick O'Toole, said. Flame, who is another acceptor, was ared a non-runner last night r finishing a very tired second he Sun Alliance steeplechase. te huge acceptance implies that e a few do not accept that the urite Diamond Edge has as 1 a chance of winning as his orice might suggest. Personto thing would give me greater sure than the sight of Border deat winning. However, logic stes that the favourite does an excellent chance of giving trainer. Fulke Walwyn his fifth mobile the greater and he is ny

nph in the race and he is my amond Edge has already wonhitbread Gold Cup over three s and five turlongs at Sandown so there are no doubts about stuming. And that is an imant consideration because after recent rain the race-promises. te a real slog. When Diamond e won at Sandown at the being of February the ground rery soft, too, so the condis should not bother him either. bound to be a that occasion he gave Tied another matter.

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mmore. 66-1 others.

hawk (10-10) won SCL bad from Cheka (11-0) and Bell Rop (11-1). Fontwell, Feb 5, 2m 11, heatry 5 ran-hill of Slane (11-3) won 11, 251 from Starfas (10-10) and Visconti (10-10). Kempion, Feb 25, 2m, yielding, 7 ran-palace Dan (11-6) Srd. beaten 2, 2, 1 by Long Wharf (10-10) and The Tsurevich (10-10). what Crambourse Tower (11-1) 4th, further 41 behind. Sandown, Feb 2, 3m, heavy, 20 run-previously Palace Dan (11-7) 2nd boaten 11, by Pulse Raie (11-1). But was awarded rece on disqualification of Pulse Raie, Doncader, Ian 26, 2m 150rd, yielding, 13 ran. Tordusquality and Dick Tordusquality and Sandown, Feb 25, 2m, yielding, 11-7 and Duke of Alva (10-7) Leopardsonwn, (Feb 25, 2m, yielding, 15 ran.

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D. Hugh Dismand Edge (S. Longhridge); F. Walwyn, 9-12-0 . W. Smi -Figure Gun (Mrs. M., Kenny); E. O'Grady (Ire), 8-12-0 Jack of Transps (J. McManus), E. D'Grady (Ire), 7-12-0

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.) CHRISTIES FOXHUNTER CHASE (£5,332 : 31m)

CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (£35,997: 34m)

222013 The Snipe (C) (G. Richmond-Watson), J. Webbit.

601383 The Vintaer (Westwood Garages 12d), M. Naughten, 5-12-0

241020 Tied Cottage (A. Robinson), D. Moore (Ire), 12,12-0

Cottage. 51b and a four lengths besting. Twelve months ago Tied Cottage blundered away his chance of winning the Gold Cup at the last fence. At the time he was level with the eventual winner Alverton. In the circumstances Diamond Edge can be regarded as the form horse.

My one reservation is his jump-

My one reservation is his jump-ing. He has not fallen this season and he did not fall last, but he does tend to dive at his fences in a impetitious manner occasionally and it is not difficult to envisage him in trouble at the third fence from the finish for instance. There the ground fails away on landing and has been a graveyard for many runners. many runners. Granted a clear round Diamond

Granted a clear round Diamond Edge should be devishly difficult to beat. Confidence in Border Incident's ability to win would have been sky high if the ground had been good. It is not that be cannot cope with heavy ground because he has won in it. It is that testing conditions now impose the sort of strain that he might not cope with after a history of troubles which included broken blood vessels and a patch on troubles which included broken blood vessels and a patch on the lung. Throughout all this Border Incident has been trained with the utmost patience by Richard Head and victory today would be no more than a just reward. It is easy to visualize john Francome exhains confidence on Rorder Incident at the top of on Border Incident at the top of the bill but whether he will out-stay Diamond Edge in what is bound to be a true run race is

Tommy Carberry who has won the race more times than any other jockey taking part today is not without hope that Tied Cottage will make amends for his fall last year. As the winner of the Irish Grand National Tied Cottage is another who is magazined to say Grand National Tied Cottage is another who is guaranteed to stay the trip. But remember he was completely outpointed by Diamond Edge at Sandown in February.
Diamond Edge also has the beating of that other mudlark Master Smudge and of Narribinni too. Likewise Bachelor's Hall seems to be well held on form by Border Incident. Those who pin their faith implicitly in the form book can rightly point to the fact that Border Incident in his turn was beaten fair and square by Silver Buck and Jack of Trumps at Kempton Park on Boxing. Day.

However the feeling in the

However the feeling in the camp is that Border Incident was not himself that day. In the meantime Silver Buck and Jack of Trumps have run deplorably. Admittedly Silver Buck did win his last race at Hereford but he was not his old self and afterwas not us out self and after-wards it transpired that his blood-count was wrong. His connexions have always maintained that they would not run him unless the ground was reasonably good, yet he is an acceptor. Jack of Trunnps has never struck me as a likely has never struck me as a likely winner of the Gold Cup: indeed I would go as far as to say that shorter distances might even suit tendency to jump to the left when the heat is on is liable to tost

him dearly, even around Cheltenham which is a left-handed course. Having won a Hennessy Gold Cup in his time Approaching is another who can be relied upon to last the distance, which is more than can be said of Royal Mail who palpably failed to stay the trip a year ago. Approaching has the beating of that ageless wonder Mar Vidi and looks a sporting bet to finish in the first four.

Today's card begins with the Triumph hurdle which is sponsored by the Daily Express again. With Gleason, Torenaga Batchacre Hall, Glenhawk, Hill of Slame and Mount Harvard all in the field this race lives up to its billing as and Mount Harvard all in the field this race lives up to its billing as the four-year-olds' championship. After Sea Pigeon's momentous victory on Tuesday, Gleason will be a popular choice in Yorkshira to strike another blow for Peter Easterby. The Irish contingent, which is legion, will not bear of Torenaga losing his unbeaten record over hurdles, yet I have been led to believe that he may not relish a battle. Arguably the best bet to finish in the first three is Hill of Slanc. He made many a friend when he won his last race at Kempton, and he looks certain to stay which is more than can be said of the majority. However, Hill of Slane has been beaten by Gleason on the two occasions they have mer and Gleason is just preferred again.

FORM: Approaching (11st 7lb) 2nd. braien 81, by Father Delancy (10-11), with Mac Vidi (10-3) 3rd, 7l back and Royal Mail (11-0) 7lb, Kemplon, Feb 25, 3m, soft, 10 ran, Backelers Hall (10-13) won 3, 3ul from Forbidden Fruit (10-7) and Fjord (10-0), Newbury, March 1, 2/m, yielding, 7 ran, Border Incident (12-0) wop 3, 5h hd from Cavily Hunter (11-7) and Backelers Mail (12-0), Windsor, Feb 20, 3m, yielding, 5 ran, Diamoné Edge

4.5 NATIONAL HUNT CHASE (Handicap: £7,825: 3m 1f)

1-32121 403640 4037 403740 Sweet September (Mrs B. Mechan), R. Turnell, 8-10-10
111221 Narvik (Lady Cadogan), N. Crump, 7-10-8 ... A. Turnell,
111 336030 Royal Statert (J. Beegl, S. McDor, 9-10-8 ... P. Blacker,
113 332232 Current Gold (A. Picken), G. Richards, 9-10-5 ... D. Goulding,
114 143322 Karmanske (J. Craig, E. Carer, 7-10-5 ... J. O'Neil)
115 002310 Delmoss (Mrs F. Vetsels), E. Delaner (hre), 10-10-4 G. Newman
117 122343 Coelafancy (Mrs R. Benriques), T. Forster, 9-10-0, R. Liffer,
118 121100 Turk (L. Furnan), Furnam, 8-10-0 ... S. O'Neil)
119 13-4173 Elpre (Mrs J. Bricknell), N. Waller, 9-10-0, C. Turkler,
120 13-4173 Elpre (Mrs J. Bricknell), N. Waller, 9-10-0, C. Turkler,
121 03-4173 Elpre (Mrs J. Bricknell), J. Edwards, B-10-0 T. Carmodd,
123 14-1021 Acether Prospect, H. Tubristich), J. Edwards, B-10-0 T. Carmodd,
124 04214c Lucy Parker (J. Frytker), Flytker, 8-10-0 ... G. Jones,
1-1 Peter Scot, 9-2 Karmandu, 3-1 Narvik, 6-1 Again the Same, B-1 Sweet
Gold, 16-1 Royal Stuart, 20-1 others.

4.40 COUNTY HURDLE (Handicap: 56,138: 2m)

517 30-4014 Seintulla Say (B) (Mrs H. Houlbrooke), M. Scudama 519 crimsa 521 342112 Sill Hobbs (D) (R. Sorring), G. Balding, S-10-1 Mo Farden (D) (A. Hobbs), Hobbs, 5-10-1 523 312321 True or False (D) (R. Parten), Pattern (her. 7-10-0) 523 20-600 Sorr Massiers (B) (J. McCarthy), J. Crowley (her. 1300f1 Shall Surst (D) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khantsin). L. Kenna

\$26 2-02114 Prince of Bermada (D) (Sheikh All Abu Khamain). L. Kennard. 5-10-0
528 2-02114 Prince of Bermada (D) (J. Harnett). R. Turnell. 5-10-0
531 400-030 Princety Riffs (D) (R. Ester). J. Baker. 8-10-0 John Williams
532 232221
534 1prr3p Clear Deal (Admin of the late P. Blackhurn, Miss S. Morrisod
535 01 Chain of Reasoning (D) (J. Joseph). S. Rartis. 6-10-0 Butchard
536 0 Chain of Reasoning (D) (J. Joseph). S. Rartis. 6-10-0 Butchard
537 000000 Gentle Rose (D) (Sainey in Construction Lift). C. Purcell.
538 0 Lass Story (R. Major). P. Arthur, 8-10-0 ...
539 0 Lass Story (R. Major). P. Arthur, 8-10-0 ...
540 00000 Chain of Reasoning (D) (J. Hartis, G) (Chain of Reasoning). 20-1 others

5.15 CATHCART CUP CHASE (£5,150: 2m) 5.15 CATHCART UUF CRIAGE (1991-1991). A. Brown 607 10-124 King Wessel (D) (Mr. D. Granz). M. H. Easterby. 8-11-9 607 10-124 King Wessel (D) (Mr. D. Granz). M. H. Easterby. 8-11-9 607 10-124 King Wessel (D) (T. Ludjow). F. Winter. 8-11-9 ... B. de France 607 120120 Erendans Slave (Mrs. J. O'Callaghan), R. Walsh (Irr. 5-11-6). Shorton 610 120120 Brendens Stave (NIS J. C. Chillips), Miss Phillips, 9-11-6
611 231-23 Go Parrys, (CD) (Miss C. Phillips), Miss Phillips, 9-11-6
612 000135 Potar Spring (C) (R. Eastwood), M. O'Toole (tre), 9-11-6
613 144203 Carrent Chance (D) (Mrs F. Smith), F. Smith, 9-10-15
F. Warnes 9-4 Stopped, 11-4 King Worsel, 7-3 Polar Spring, 5-1 Brendam Stave, 8-1 Flying Gamble, 55-1 Others.

Doubtful runner

Cheltenham selections By Our Racing Correspondent

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2.15 Gleason. 2.50 Remigio. 3.30 DIAMOND EDGE is specially recommended, 4.5 Narvik, 4.40 Sheli Burst, 5.15 Stopped.

4 Diamond Edge, 5-1 Sorder Incident, 6-1 Silver Burk, 3-1 Jack of Transs. Counge, 10-1 Approaching, 13-1 Naster Smudge, 25-1 Sactisfurs Kall, Royal 40-1 Kilcoleman. Secret Progress, 66-1 Narrhanal, 100-1 others,

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Cheltenham results 2.15 (2.15) SUN ALLIANCE HUROLE (Novices: £13.167; 27.00) PRUMLARGAM, b g by Twilight AMES—Avro Jet (M. Cuddy) 6-11-8 T. J. Ryta (5-214) Farmer, ch g by Winden—Error (R. Rawker) 5-11-7 E. Walte (R. Rawker) 5-11-7 E. Walte 6-11-8 T. J. RTEM (5-21sv)
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(R. Rawker) 5-11-7 E. Walte
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ALSO RAN: 13-2 Fine Piper, 8-1
Owen's Image, 10-1 lainy Falcon, 11-1
Classide, 14-1 Shootnean, 15-1 Cloums
mun, Richdee (f), 20-1 Lenveen, Marks
Birthday, Slaney, 25-1 Saint Tatty (p)
SO-1 Aingers Green (2th), Master
Socks (p), Sea Other (n), Sounding
Arch (p), Shane Hill, Teo Pelmer,
Broncho's Cousin, Buchanan (p),
General-Carl, Cettic Rambler (p)
Whitewall Slone, Woodhands Lad.
Wretkit, NR: Ancient Britan, Swashbuckling, Heighlim,
TOTE: Win, 37-1 places, 170, C1-15,
37p; dual forecast £35-16, CSF:
213.44, E. J. O'Grady in Heland, 23-3. 213.44. E. J. O'Grady in Breaks, 22 St.
2.50 (3.54) O'GREN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (£17.356; 3m)
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Chinola (148 R. Eastwood)
8-12-0 D. T. Hughes (15-8 2av)
1 Antoine Bolly, b & by Mos CaplLaine—Little Bomb (1. Urquiat)
10-12-0 . Morshand (35-1)
King Wessel, th & by Gull Pearl—
Sound Me (Mrs. D. Great)
8-12-0; J. J. O'Nelli (100-30)
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TOTE: Win. 19p; places: 14p, £1,07; dual forceast: £4.03. CSF £5.91. M. A. D'Toole in Ireland, 251, het. 5.50 (3.32) CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE FINAL (BENECOP: \$7,547: 5m 17) WILLE WUMPKINS, br p by Lon-don GESELE-OUTHING (3.75 T. PHEINGIAN) 12-10-7, Mr A. WD-ALSO RIN: 5-2 for Another Duko.
10-1 Greenwitz. 10-1 Markin Cistle.
10-1 Score. 14-1 Corer Your Money
10). Doublin. 16-1 Chine William.
Handsome Princr. 18-1 Line William.
12-0-1 Franciscome Princr. 18-1 Line (4th). Nice To See You (p). Gauge
186.8. S-1 Pinnstell. Bridge Ach.
Normandy Segu. 19 ran. NR: Roman TOTE: Win. Sip: places. 11p. 479. S4p: dual forecast. 25.19. CSP. Ell. 2. Mrs. 7. Pringhon, at Stow-co-the-World. 41, 11d. 4.65 (4.10) SUN ALLIANCE CHASE (£14,623: 3m)

Flama Gun, b. g. by Luciter—Se-witching i Mrs. M. Renny) 8-11-4. T. J. Ryan. (13-8 fav) Loving Words, ar h. by Saylen— Loving and Giving (A. Meilley) 7-11-1. S. May (50-1) 7-11-1. S. May (So.1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Little Owl (3): 9-1
Pillar Brae (f): 11-1 Henry Bishon
(f): 12-1 Ronnany Count (f): 14-1
Light the Wild (f): 16-1 Brave Air
(f): 20-1 Tarkank (g): 25-1 Out De
Rolebec (g): Merrikke (g): 35-1
Crogson Mountain (g): Mister Boson
(g): 50-1 Listobary (4th: Brown
Loaf (g): Marrisotown (g): 17 Fan.
NR: Corrib Chiefian. TUTE: Wm. 2.05; places. Asp. 1]p. \$1.38; disl farecast. 22.44. CSF. E.-00. R. Hawker, at Chippenham. Dishance, 121. Challenge Cnp: £5.150: abt 4m)

WAGGONERS WALK b g by Kadir
Cu-curvejterred (G. Mason)

Wagmouth Road, ch g by Sparian

General-Peartwort (Mrs J.

Gledston) 10-12-0 P. Crays (9-1) 2

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O. Sherwood (33-1) 3

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Dual Power (p), 13-2 Double Cr
ing (!), 7-1 Chine Cottage (p),
Cashes (p), 12-1 Highway Pain
16-1 Medec, 20-1 Cold Spell (Raignar, Saper (Baspia, p),
Poker (4th), Cellic 131 (!). Wes
River (!), Sometion Court
indien Scholar (n), Leongavallo (

ran. TOTE: win. £1.71p; places, 39p, 9. 1.24; dual forecast: £5.76. CSF; 9.50. Miss C. Mason at Walton, 71, CHASE (Challenge Cup: E6.476: 24m)

SNOWSHILL SAILOR, b g by Golden

Dipper—Rarvest Moon (Sanoyahu
Farms and Sind 116) 8-10-1

Seventh San, ch g by Royal

Highway—Aesculus (G. Jones)

8-11-2 J. J. Ryan (7-1) 2

Pahr Spring, b g by Artic Slavo—

Manyle's Leap (R. Eatwood)

8-10-2 J. J. O'Nell (9-1) 3

FOUR-DAY DECLARATIONS: Ambier, Amar, Astaino, Bamp, Bachacre Rail, Bailsia, Bennaunmore, Burns, Casamora Rid, Chandneer, Corker, Cranbourne Tower, Donegal Prince, Eddle, Egbert, Glazon, Gionhawk, Good Ruler, Heighlin, Herr Capitan, Bill of Sinne, Jubiler Saini, Melalenca, Mater Mail, Mount Harvard, Mr Juicy, Palace Dan, Prince Rowan, Queen's Music, Scottish Sound, Shainesbury, Str. Chris, Skewsby, Starfen, The Cleaver, Torenaga, Tumble Gold, Vagabood Victor.

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Nimrody (b), 15-2 Royal Charley (p), 10-1 Rozdhad (4th), 11-1 Küstwell (p), 12-1 Carrow Boy, Dromard (p), 14-1 Crawro Raytimogli (f), 16-1 Crawro Raytim TOTE: Win, 55p: places, 16p. 3 30p; dual forecast, £1.53. CSF: £6. A. R. Turnell. Mariborough, 10l. n. TOTE: DOUBLE: Chinrollan TREBLE: Willin Wompkins, Lacson and Wangoner's Walk, £1.758.

Athletics

IAAF meet in mood of sweet charity

Paris, March 12.—The Inter-national Amateur Athletic Federanational Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) were in a forgiving mood at their two-day council meeting which ended here last night. Those to benefit included the suspended Olympic medal winners, Guy Drut (France), the American, Dwight Stones, and five East European women, who only last year received life bans for taking drugs.

Drut, the Olympic 110 metres hurdles champion, and Stones, the former world high jump record holder, were both reinstated as amateurs having lost that status since the 1976 Olympics for accepting illegal payments. Both must receive special clearance from the International Olympic Committee if they want to compete in future

of they want to compete in future Olympics, although neither may have the opportunity. Drut is past his best and Stones may have to join a threatened United States boycott of the Moscow Olympics. boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

Two American runners, John Smith and Henry Hines, were also welcomed back into the amateur fold. They had joined the International Track Association (ITA), an unsuccessful professional circuit, and asked the IAAF to reinstate them and other ITA men.

The IAAF's bounteous mood here is likely to be fullowed soon by a relavation in their rules gov.

The language of the first large women.

The language of the first large would allow athletes to receive money but put off further discussion until a special meeting in Rome in early June. Adrian Paulen, the IAAF president, promised no relaxation in the drive to samp out drug-taking, notably anabolic steroids, but that was after he had announced a reprieve for the five East European women.

The former world mile record holder, Natalia Marasescu, her Romanian compatriots, Elena Silai and Santa Viad, and Bulgarians Totka Petrova, a World Cup winner last year, and Daniela Tenera were all banned indefinitely last October for taking steroids, Now they can compete again after July 1—in time for the Olympics.

The question of the Moscow Olympics, which was covered on the first day of the meeting, was raised again last night. Mr Paulen revealed that the IAAF had been approached by the United States about staging a major track and field competition after the Games. If the United States did boycot the Olympics in protest against Soviet intervention in Afghanistan they would not be allowed to stage their own track and field meeting at the same time as the Moscow Games. The IAAF said on Mooday at the same time as the Moscow Games. The IAAF said on Monday they would nor allow such an event.—Reuter.

Capes included in Olympic

elite group

Geoff Capes's rediscovery of his best form in the shot has finally convinced Britain's selectors that he deserves a place in the Clymple Games edite group. Capes has maintained that he should have been in the group when it was first chosen last Soptember, but the selectors wanted him to prove it. He obliged during a competition in New Zealand in January when he threw 68ft 13ia—his best for two years. part in the recent European in-

door championships, his performances in New Zealand were enough to bring about a change of heart in the selectors. David Shaw, secretary of the British Amateur Arbietic Board, said: "Capes was dogged by injury last season and we wanted to see what be was capable of. He has now produced the sort of performances which we feel warrants his inclu-sion in the elite squad." Membership of the group means that Capes, who has represented

Britain a record 66 times, will not have to take part in the Olympic trials later this year.

Squash rackets

Hunt striving to equal record number of wins

By Rex Bellamy

Squash Rackets Correspondent Geoffrey Hunt (Melbourne) plays the Queua-born Qamar Zaman (Peshawar) in the final of the British open championship, sponsored by Avis, at the Wembley Conference Centre this afternoon. The difference between \$2.750 and \$1,925 does not man much to these two but the prestige of the title is important to both

Personal pride perhaps matters more to Hunt, the older man who has dominated the game for seven years. If he wins today, he will equal the record total of seven British open championships won by the first of many fine players to emerge from Peshawar. Hashim Khan. So Zaman is not just playing for himself: he is playing for Hashim. Peshawar, the Pathaus. and Pokistan, Zaman took extra care over his

preparation and won all four warm up tournaments. Hunt played in three but was beaten twice by Zaman and once by Hidayat Jahan. Bur Hunt has beaten Zaman in the finals of the last two world cham-pionships and the last two British open championships. Much may depend on the way each reacts to the unusual environment, in which the players are only vaguely aware of the distant spectators.

These past few days Zaman has been a subdued extrovert—an entertainer deprived of his rapport with the public and the inspiration this gives him. He does not look hange about that The

not look happy about that. The introverted Hunt plays a less inspirational game, is more con-sistently motivated from within, and is therefore less likely to

special nature of the backswing and follow-through essential for safe squash, and the peramount importance of asking for a lot whenever there is the slightest chance that a stroke may enganger one's opponent.

Nor should anyone be fool enough to play squash in spectacles containing conventional glass lenses—or share a court with such a fool. These are precautions that clubs, coaches and players should take for themselves without wait-ing for governing bodies to rap them over the knuckles or expect-

Boxing

Minter's title attempt

Las Vegas, Nevada, March 12.— The British middleweight contender Alan Minter, received a small cut in the corner of his left eye yesterday when he and another boxer bumped heads while engaging in supposedly non-contact sparring. Minter's handlers said they were virtually certain it would not preveut him from boxing the champion, Vito Antuofermo, for the world middleweight title at Caesars Palace here on Sunday.

Palace here on Sunuay.

Minter and Pat Bearry of Las
Vegas were working out in the
ring when they collided and the
Briton sustained a cut eye. Neither
boxer wore gloves nor headgear
and they were not supposed to
hit each other in the purely feinting and motion rousing.

ing and motion routine.

The British boxer and his handlers immediately left the ring and went to his dressing room.
When reporters were finally
allowed to enter. Minter was smiling and was wearing an adhesive bandage on his left eye. "It was just a slin." Dong Bidwell. Minter's manager-trainer said. "It could have been nasty, but Alan was lucky. I took a big gulp it happened. "-Reuter.

Cut will not stop | Now Spinks has the chance to win other title

ing doctors to repair the damage.

Las Vegas, March 12.—Larry Holmes, the world boxing council heavyweight champion, will probably meet Leon Splaks, a former title holder, in June, Don King, a promoter, said here today.

But first Holmes would have to beat Leroy Jones in a title bout in Las Vegas on March 31 and Splaks must win his next contest probably next month.

"If Spinks trains like he's sapposed to and wius, he will be next in line to fight Holmes". Marking said.

Spinks lost the World Boxing Association's version of the chappionship to Muhammad Ali on September 15, 1978, after winning the title from Ali seven montes earlier. Spinks was then knocked out by Gerrie Coetzee of South Africa last year. Since then he has knocked out Spain's Alfredout loves.

Mr King's announcement of

draw last Sunday with Eddie Lopez.

Mr King's announcement of Spinks as a probable upponent for Hulmes marks a change of mind from Monday, when he said that Bernardo Mercado, of Colombia, was the likely next opponents for the WBC champion. Mercado kricked out an American, Ernic Shavers, last Saturday.—Reuter.

Ali bout in Taipei rejected

proposal for staging a contest between the former world heavy-weight champion, Muhammad Ali, and the curent World Boxing Association champion, John Tate,

here in June.

A spokesman said: "Too short a notice renders us unable to sponsor the contest. If we want to sponsor the tournament, we want to make it a perfect one." Greg Campbell, Ali's agent, and Michael Reitner, a lawyer, arrived here on Sunday evening to negotiate with local sports officials the possibility of selecting Taipei as the site for the \$14m Ali-Tate contest on June 27.

Taipei, March 12.—The Guy Opinions here were divided, pointed out: These rather un dignified spectacles are supposed to produce a lot of favourable publicity but don't. Our image without them is much better than our image with them."

our image with them."—Agence France-Presse.

If Jim Watt retains the world lightweight title by beating Charlie Nash at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, his next defence could be at Ibrox Park this summer. The promoter Micky Duff visited Rangers resterday for talks. The official challenger is Howard Davis, of the United States, and this would ensure American television ensure American television interest.

How 'tacketty bits' are helping Linsey MacDonald prepare for 1984

Fife's Peter Pan in plimsoles

tion to the tyre and heavy boots puzzle—is the winners rostrum in Los Angeles during the 1984 Olympic Games. A visit to Moscow, assuming there is a Moscow Olympics this summer, would be an interesting and valuable ex-perience but she knows she would be doing little more than making up the numbers. In 1984, however, she should be

mature enough to run with the best and, if she is studying medicine, not advancing to the stage of final examinations; a happy combination unlikely to be recombination unlikely to be re-peated in 1988 when she will be It is likely that Miss MacDonald

will be asked to go to Moscov. At the end of January she won the 200 metres in the National Indoor championships at Cosford, breaking both the United Kingdom and Commonwealth indoor records with a startling 24.8 seconds.

She has the stamina to stay with the best in any race up to 400 metres. She may not yet have the burshing push to edge home in front of the even more highly trained sprinters from the United States, the Soviet Union and East Germany. It is, she acknowledges, one thing to win a British title, another to win against the world's

Miss MacDonald's interest in the rack goes back to 1970 when, at the age of six, she was taken to Meadowbank stadium. Edinburgh, to watch some of the events in the Commonwealth Games. It was the happiest of experiences and

school and most of Sundays. He has her pounding through icy water just off Aberdour beach, weighed down by a commando style pack. She does squat thrusts up 100 yards of muddy cattletrack. So pressups and 200 abdominal appropriate daily. 50 pressups and 200 abdominal exercises daily. She covers 100 metres regularly in just over 11 seconds; 200 metres in around 24

Running up steep hills wearing what in the central Scottish vernacular are known as "tackety bits" and dragging along by the neck a heavy tyre which positively does not want to be dragged is far from most people's idea of enjoyment. That anyone should wish to behave like this is hard enough to understand. That the volunteer is a sby lass, who might have been in Barrie's mind when he wrote Peter Pan, deepens the puzzle.

At school in Dunfermilne Linsey MacDonald, who is not yet 16, is working towards the examinations she hopes will take her to university and the start of the long hael to a medical degree. At home, too, as often as not her mose is in a textbook. Between home and school a transformation is made.

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From textbook to tartan track: Miss MacDonald, a sprinter with her sights on the Los Angeles Olympics.

New Books

History on the March

The Life of Aleksandr

Volume Two, The Release of Harmony 1908-1921 By Avril Pyman

(Oxford £16.50)
"Terrible country! Terrible hearts!" Blok quoted Pushkin as his old friends deserted him at the height of the First World War, and the last thirteen years of his life, as told in the second and concluding volume of Avril Pyman's splendid biography, were filled with images of Russia's corruption and his own foreboding of change:
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for eboding of change:
Suddenly, from the balcony, I see a tattered man walking along steathily, obviously not wishing anyone to see, stooping all the time towards the ground. Then, suddenly, he stretched out full length over some hollow in the road and, as far as I could see, raised the grating over the drain, drank the water, wiped his mouth, and went cautiously on. A man.

Yet he loved Russia far above all other countries and never

Yet he loved Russia far above all other countries and never left her for long. Artist and homeland, indeed, have rarely been as inextricable and Dr Pyman, who in her first volume gave us the young poet as Hamlet, privileged and brilliant, waiting for his hour, now depicts him first as Don Juan, consumed by the "black blood" of his father, breaking hearts him rarely making enemies, of his famer, oreaking hearts but rarely making enemies, then as something like the very genius of Russia's millennium, and, throughout, as the hapless vessel of his own words, which he did not always himself understand. When the revolution came he welcomed it with open arms, and attempted to define

His masterpiece The Twelve was written in the first starving winter that followed, and whilst he was never narrowly political, still less a Party man ("One thing one must accord the Bolsheviks and that is their quite unique ability to stamp

Fiction

(Irish Writers' Co-operative/ Wildwood, E4.50)

Identity Papers

Jack Be Nimble

By Anthony Cronin

By Nigel Williams (Secker & Warburg, £5.50)

Legends of the Fall

By Jim Harrison

Sergeant Getúlio

By João Ubaldo

(Andre Deutsch, £4.95)

Sidney Smith once said that he

never read a book he was meant to review: it prejudiced

a man so. It was a pleasure for me to read all of four novels

last week and be prejudiced in

Two of them are comic and

Identity

irreverent and inventive

May its grants and Guinness

always rise in the morning !

But may its lack of editorial

control make no more of its

authors suffer the sort of in-

termittent typography that

only Sterne intended.

Life Before Man

(Cape, £5.95)

fore difficult).

By Margaret Atwood

Margaret Atwood has three strikes against her as a novelist

before she puts paper in type-writer. She has been con-scripted as a feminist writer

(and therefore a humourless zealot). She is Canadian (and therefore, like the Swiss, BOR-

ING). She is a poet (and there-

To these charges, on a visit to publicize her new book, she

replies: "I started writing in 1956. I was glad to see the

feminist movement arrive ten years later, though I wondered

what it had been doing all this time. I consider that it is better

for women to think than not to

think". For the Canadian diffi-

most likely to run into in Canada, but even Canada has developed in the past 15 years". To the crime of being a poet: "I don't see why I

shouldn't write both poetry and nevels. It has been done before. Poetry in Canada is not so

esoteric a forum as it is over

Life Before Man takes a beady look at the bleak anthro-pology of middle-class, middle-

"It's an attitude you are

Cronin's

(Callins, £5.50)

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out custom and liquidate the individal") he was, for a visionary poet, unusually practical: it was his firm grasp of the contemporary world that led him to accept the sack of his family home apparently without protest and to work on commissions, committees and revolutionary cultural projects more or less as required after 1917. It was for this that he lost his old friends in the Petersburg intelligentsia, while gaining few new ones among the Russian people, about whose identity and goodness he worried, like most Russian intellectuals, the whole of his creative adult life. He was only 41 when he died, in the care of a young disciple and the two

a young disciple and the two women he had loved with un-swerving intensity from first to last: his mother, and his wife. A spectacular and incandes-

cent poet, a complex and inspiring man, he makes an irresisti-ble subject for biography and Dr Pyman follows his life and work so closely and with such empathy that she seems to me to offer a model of how great but unfamiliar foreign mosts to offer a model of how great but unfamiliar foreign poets should be presented to the Eng-lish reader. I do not read Rus-sian, so cannot say more for her translations than that they generally read very well, some-times memorably, in English and fit perfectly into her con-cept of Blok's life and work as one self-sustaining whole. Her one self-sustaining whole. Her empathy, which comes partly from many years residence in Leningrad and partly from marriage to a Russian scholar and a warm understanding of Russian family life, is exceptional, and extends to every character in the story.

Riok's marriage was all the

Blok's marriage was all the more intense for being deliber-ately "white", which left him free for drink and debauch in the city and his wife for occasional affairs, the first of which gave her a child. Her husband was understanding and

Lyuba was touched, awed, grateful. The unhappy woman in her might well have preferred remight well have preferred related a rough assertion of marital rights, but it was her lot to live in the light of Blok's chivalry, and she gathered her battered dignity and responded as best she could. Besides, she loved him.

him.

What they called the "impossible tenderness" of their free-thinking partnership is as delicately described as this delicately described as this throughout. The baby died, and Lyuba's frustrations turned increasingly to the stage. The Bloks spent a good deal of time apart, she with Meyerhold's company, or later nursing on the Polish Front, but when Blok really needed her she was always there. Once she got there, of course, he needed to work alone.

Blok's poetry is distinguished by the masterly way it moves between precise, dramatic observance of everyday life in the city or the countryside and cryptic prophecies of the most apocalyptic kind, and Dr Pyman is at her most accomplished when conveying the sense in which life, work, music and art in the last years spanning Empire and Revolution were informed by the rhythms of history, literally lurching forward and on the march "Some and on the march. "Some-times", wrote Korney Chukovsky in the year after Blok's death, "when he spoke of Russla it seemed to me as though he felt Russia, too, with his whole body, like physical pain". The poet's premonition of the new age had been made over more than a decade with body and spirit in equal measure and both were exhausted together.
"At the end of the service they carried him out into the sunshine and, beneath a plain white cross, consigned his body to the poor, autumnal soil of his native city." The Bolshevik pantheon claimed him later.

Michael Ratcliffe

Warm and witty, engaging and economic in style, Cronin's book is full of memorable lines and fond recreations of the leisurely little world of literary Dublin. The moral appears to be that "sticks and stones may break my bones but only writs can hurt me". The law and its avoidance is all. Without it, a man might lead a peaceful life, not caring who he might be.

The identity that the Baron seeks is a historical one, as redolent as the Liffey with its smell of past and holy decay. But the identity of Nigel Williams's Jack in Jack Be Nimble and a temporary mask to be is only a temporary mask to be discarded, as fleeting as a May

discarded, as fleeting as a May Day frolic by the waters of the Isis. His young auti-hero puts on and takes off new personalities as quickly as women do hats at sales. Living between two women and a baby, he finds himself attached to a Marxist Commune in Bayswater. Violence is provided by a protest march, self-awareness by the birth of another baby during a street festival, the moral is that love as well as force must be the midwife of a new society. new society. Williams is wry, funny, and quick on the jab. While Cronin's humour is well-read

and warm, Williams's is stacca-Papers was published by the Irish Writers' Co-operative. to and stabbing, provoking gasps of laughter rather than long-drawn amusement. Jack Be Numble is full of vigour and talent, even if too self-conscious to be wholly satisfying. Yet the writer's pyrotechnics in his two novels and his plays make Martin Amis's progress after Oxford look like Wilde's Remarkable Rocker, a matter of much fuss and little fizz.

The anti-hero of the book calls himself the Baron. He is a Dublin thinker and drinker, painter and drifter, who believes he is the grandson of the forger of the Parnell papers, and who makes more The three novellas in Jim Harrison's Legends of the Fall are each crafted and whittled an implacable point of final violence. The most bare and powerful of them bears the forgeries of the forger's art to pick up a cheque. Threatened with prosecution, he must retrieve a lost trunk, which he title of the book. It tells the story of three brothers riding away to the First World war from a Montana ranch. In less does after charring in the snugs of various public houses and bedding a long-legged bait. than a hundred pages, a story

of love, vengeance, wanderlust and outlawry is told with a bleak narrative power hardly seen since Jack London first wrote of the northland.

A more ambitious second novella about a businessman who chooses to withdraw himwho Gave Up His Name", does not quite match up to its model, Saul Bellow's masterpiece, Seize The Day. But the third tale in the trilogy, "Revenge", soays so utterly on the trail of its single motive that the final forgiveness and understanding between the sworn enemies seem as surprising as they are inevitable. Jim Harrison is certainly a new force in fiction from the fron-tier tradition, in which danger and dying reveal the fibre of a

Yet the violence and torture in Sergeant Gertillio make Harrison's heroes look like whip-ping-boys. This short Brazilian novel is set in a wasteland harsher than the American frontier, the dry sertao with its extremes of nature and human here do not struggle for survival, they scrabble and scratch starve. They rend because there no reason to their existences. In an urgent, limited and animal stream of consciousness, the Sergeant tells his direct story of how he and a companion must deliver against all the odds a prisoner to a distant political boss, who now wants the Sergeant killed. An insane honour drives the Sergeant forward through ambush and military attack, hunger and betrayal. A battered monster of brutality him-self, he will be loyal and keep

fit to fight over it, fit to die well at the end of his tether and journey. Andrew Sinclair

word. The author's genius

lies in showing how the un-

yielding barren ground has

produced such a stubborn man,

aged, Homo moven Sapieus Canadiensis and the middling muddle he (and particularly she) gets into over life (and particularly sex). Elizabeth, survivor of a sticky haute WASP childhood, feels guilty because her lover has just shot the top of his head off, and has grown so remote from her husband women generally are. that she is almost out of sight. He doesn't know what "love" means between them any more

Husband Nate, lawyer turned bearded and impoverished craftsman, has a radical dogooder mother, a gabby mistress, and personality problems. He is a tin man, his heart stuffed with sawdust, and sensitive as well. Lesje (pro-nounced Lashia: she is half Jew, half Lithuanian) works Elizabeth at Toronto's Royal Onterio Museum, where she is their witch on the Upper Cretaceous, monomaniacal about the bones of her dino-saurs. She is on the brink of tumbling into a gloomy haison

though they always say it. For the sake of the children.

with Nate.

Their tacky goings-on are an advertisement for the life-style of the Gorgosaurus. The story is told in short, impressionistic. dated chapters from the point of view of the three

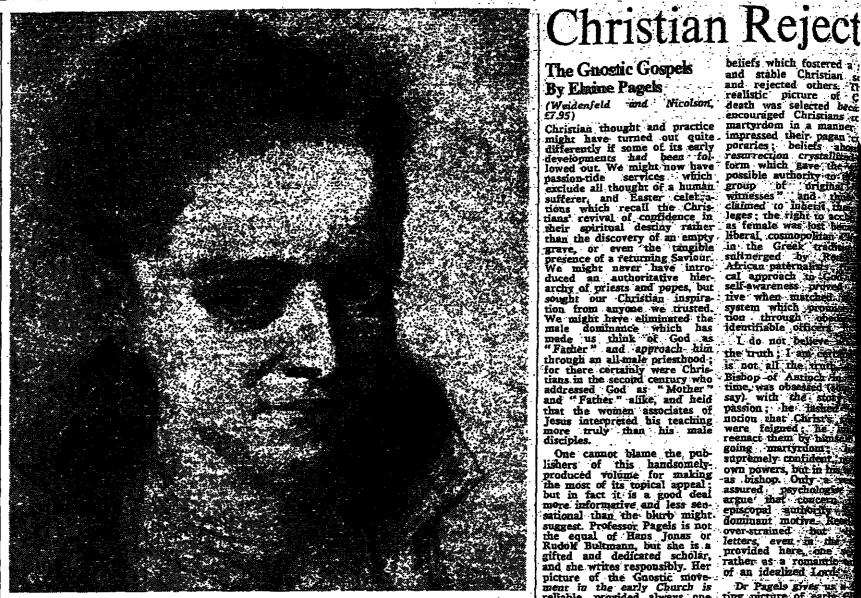
characters in rotation, hopping to and fro in time and tense. They have all been down the yellow brick road once or twice, and what they have found out mostly is that there is no Wizard of Oz. The women are more interesting than the men, so were Jane Austen's; perhaps

Atwood is a wordchild with the gift of tongues, puns, echoes, and symbols. She manages to be both witty and humorous about her unhappy vertebrates and semi-verte-brates. She is sharp-eyed about such matters as the incubi that the dead can become on the living, the selfish tug-of-war ween children and parents, and the terrible sanctimonious-ness of the churchified.

In spite of the triple handicap of being a token "feminist" author, a Canadian, and a poet, Margaret Atwood manages to be a true novelist. She opens our eyes to ways in which we think and behave, irrespective of sex and nationality. Life among the dinosaurs may have been simpler, and perhaps even happier. But it cannot have been anything like as interest-

Philip Howard

in order to act as his amenu-ensis) encouraged him in his quest.
Clemo's faith—which he compares to that of Barth, "hurling the transcendant 'No' at the intellectual honesty of disbelief", and deeply questioning any suggestion that man might be naturally "good"—is unfashionable and to mary people will be unsympathetic. But noone could read this book without feeling awe that it should have sustained Clemo over so many years, and in the development of what must be one of the strangest love stories of our



Susanna Fourment by Peter Paul Rubens in the Albertina, Vienna, from Drawing: history of an art by Genevieve Monnier and Bernice Rose (Macmillan, £50)

More misunderstood Vikings

The Vikings By James Graham-Campbell and Dafydd Kidd (British Museum Publications Ltd., £8.95, paperback £2.95) Gods of the North

By Brian Branston (Thames & Hudson, paperback The Viking World By Jacqueline Simpson (B. T. Batsjord, £7.95)

The Viking Achievement By P. G. Foote and D. M. Wilson

(Sidgwick & Jackson, £10.00, paperback £5.50) Edited by David M. Wilson

The Northern World

(Thames & Hudson, £15.00) The Vikings, the official book for the Viking exhibition, is a lavishly illustrated work on the subject in a commendably succinct form. Most of the illustrations are magnificent and give a wonderful visual impression of both the context for, and achievement of. Viking material culture. There are a few omissions (greater discussion and illustration of cargo-vessels would have been in order), and the text can be heavy-going at times; one suspects that most readers will be unable to accept the invitation of the authors to have "fun . . in disentangling the animals" on two silver disc brooches in the chapter on Art and Ornament. It is perhaps unfortunate that an error of date occurs at the beginning of the Introduction, but in general it impresses, and the paperback edition will be marvellous value at the exhibition. Whether it will be convenient to use there remains to be seen: a "List of Exhibits" is tacked on to the end without cross-reference to either text or illustration in the main

more attention.

The latest research is less obvious with Gods of the North. Although this work is primarily concerned with detail culled from literature, it will not suffice. Also, while this book goes into admirable detail on the subject, the reader's confidence is shaken by phrases such as "a furious wave of drop-whiskered, slauteyed, butter-faced horsemen" (the Huns) in what is claimed relevant section of the other what is billed by some

Simpson of Everyday Life in the Viking Age, first published in 1967 as The Viking World is welcome. Her book in 1967 was a clear, well-written account of the way of life in the Viking period and, while easily read by a non-specialist, was also scholarly. A multitude of illus-trations, both verbal and visual, were skilfully woven together to produce a vivid picture that relied on recent work in philology, literature, history and archaeology. Even the scholarship was worn lightly, it underpinned the whole garment. Its virtues are as obvious in 1980 as then, for the author has contrived to update almost every section of the book by insertion of new or changed sentences or parafrom excavations in Bergen, Jutland, and Orkney feature, while revisions have been made where scholarship has overtaken the original text—as in the case of the Vinland Map (now seen as a fake). Although there are some unaccountable omissions—such as the implications of the recent

clear that the major catalogue on house-types (the old reconwill be out of reach of most pockets, the Trustees should perhaps have given this matter more attention.

on house-types (the old reconstruction is still illustrated), as an introduction to the way of life in the Viking world for the general reader it is still unmatched.

It is unfortunate that the student has not been served so well, for The Viking Achievement has been rightly regarded as a fundamental is a disappointment to an regarded as a fundamental archaeologist that apparently textbook since its appearance the work of the 25 years since in 1970. Although some results it was first written has had so of researches in Denmark are of the subject: a few rather poorly-reproduced photographs will not suffice. Also, while this book goes into admirable to work elsewhere are added in a "select supplementary bibliography", the basic text remains unchanged. Some sections are now in need of considerable revision—for instance those concerned with the circuiar settlements such as Trelleto be a succinct historical borg, the Vikings in America, introduction. A glance at the and Art and Ornament. In demonstrate the vital interconnexion of recent work in a revision of the standard several disciplines.

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The demonstrate the vital interconnexion of the standard several disciplines. The re-issue by Jacqueline society and culture of early medieval Scandinavia" by two

of its leading exponents? The student will however. gain some satisfaction from The Northern World, written by a group of scholars including the editor, David Wilson. Despite its coffee-table layout and incredible range of illustrations (many of nineteenth or twentieth century Scandingvian paintings), there are up to-date chapters on a curiously selective range of topics. Probably to English readers the chapters on "The Germanic Tribes in Europe", "The Scan-dinavians at Home", and "The Northern Slavs" will be the most valuable, whilst others deal with material that is more accessible. The general reader will find them all to be sucsituation, and many will enjoy the chapter on "Romanticism the chapter on "Romanticism and Revival". Although the survey nature of the chapters occasionally results in dogmatic statements ("the driving force behind the initial raids had been the acquisition of wealth"), it is a pleasing book.

Christopher Morris

catholic Church, where visible unity was genuinely desired and romantically proclaimed even if it was not always achieved. But the authoress herself.

disciples.

would go much further than this; she more than once suggests that the Christian beliefs were determined by a process of natural selection; the Church, whether consciously or not, adopted just those

The Gnostic Gospels

(Weidenfeld and Nicolson

By Elaine Pagels

tive when matched, system which proprie tion through identifiable office male dominance which has made us think of God as "Farter" and approach him through an all-male priesthood; for there certainly were Christians in the second century who addressed God as "Mother" I do not believ the truth : I am ce is not all the im Bishop of Annoch is time, was observed (the say) with the story passion; he lasting notion that Christ, were feigned; he have remact them by himself going marry dom; he supremely confident in the passion of the says of the addressed God as "Mother" and "Father" alike, and held that the women associates of Jesus interpreted his teaching more truly than his male One cannot blame the publishers of this handsomely-produced volume for making the most of its topical appeal; but in fact it is a good deal more informative and less sen-sational than the blurb might. own powers, but in his as bishop. Only a assured psychologis argue hist concern. episcopal authority
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provided here, one suggest. Professor Pagels is not the equal of Hans Jonas or Rudolf Bultmann, but she is a gifted and dedicated scholar, rather as a romantic of an idealized Lord and she writes responsibly. Her picture of the Gnostic movement in the early Church is reliable, provided always one remembers that it was a Dr Pagels gives us a minority movement. From the start it showed features which made for disunion and disinte-gration, as against the relatively cohesive structure of the early

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Academics at play

Not Work Alone A Cross-Cultural View of Activities Superfluous to Survival Edited by Jeremy Cherfas and

Roger Lewin (Temple Smith, £9.50) One of the most depressing effects of the increased leisure we are all supposed to be enjoying is that play is becoming so like work. As it is industrial-ized, commercialized, politicized and, in this book, analysed Jermery Cherfas, for instance, writing about children's games, concedes that " grown ups ", by which in this context I take him to mean anthropologists, psychologists, folk-lorists and others of that sort, "often do something that the children themselves seldom do—they

lose sight of the real point of the games of childhood. Above all else, games are fun." Professor Pollio of the University of Tennessee, who has set himself the unenviable task of discovering what is humorous about humour seems uneasily aware of the pitfails that lie ahead, but this does not prevent him revealing, pokeraced, that in 1970 two audiences attending the film Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice had their laughter measured on sound level recorder. The pm audience laughed 26 times, the 10 pm one 22 times. Twenty-one of these laughs were in response to the same punch lines On further examination it was discovered that " jokes that produce guffaws at 8 pm sometimes fell flat at 10 pm. and vice-versa.". This leads Professor Pollio to the memor-able conclusion that "what was funny for one group of people was not as funny for another group of people"

It is noticeable that when the academics in this survey (and one has to admit that 16 is too small a sample to be statistically valid) address themselves to the familiar they are much more likely to seem banal or questionable than when they are writing about the exotic. Just as Professor Pollio seems to go to undue lengths to be compared confronted with the blindingly obvious, so fellow contributors Turkestan. very startling to say about " The

us who have children the reports of the trial.

News for blasphemy. Donald Brenneis on

duels", however, is que other matter, tripping date from the abusive song ated with Greek fertility to the obscene flytu medieval Scotland, the reduced for the following duels of Turkey and the song duellists of Greenlas "must meet especially d ing standards; as they other on the head while to compare the Kayapo Indian (lower) penis sheath of pain red and black body pain hair shaved to a point crown) with the "most ately draped Victorian I

gentlemen." David Rich cribes Eskimo runtzu Eskimo roulette both of he played for bullets, most fascinating chan Schuyler Jones on "Inst of Violence." After a bri
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Quick guide

The Companion Guilde to Shakespeare Country, ΡA Jonathan Keates (Collins £7.95). Curious title, with Stratford and Warwick (just) as eastern apex of territory stretching West and South West to North Herefordshire, the Black Mountains and the Vale of Berkeley and nothing on Shakespeare resources of Birmingham, rest of Warwickshire or north Cotswolds (surely visitors to Stratford are more likely to extend their trips to Chipping Campden, Kenilworth and Compton Wynyates than to Thornbury or Bredwardine?). Mr Keates is a Malvern man and apparently added Stratford as an afterthought. This said,

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Cancer The Facts, by .
Ronald Bodley Scott (Ox
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Ronald Bodley Scott is on
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George Hill opinionated, enthusiastic, informative and expert, Exceling doubt about its accur

Quick guide

The Marriage of a Rebel. by Jack Cleme (Gollancz, £6.95) jack Clemo was born to be a writer—born in the wasteland of the Cornish china clay country, where for fourteen years he never earned more than £5 a year from writing-but soldiered on to produce the Graft, and the scarcely less impressive autobiography Confession of a Rebel, in which he

adolescence and young manhood during which he was gradually losing both sight and hearing. He has now for some years been completely blind and deaf, but goes on writing both poetry and prose—and in this latest book deals with his search for a

partner. He had always felt that God had destined him for marriage, but that for that very reason the Devil had tried to make him unmarriagable. Certainly the young girls of Cornwall, and the evacuees sent to Goons-marris during the war, thought him 50. His devoted mother (totally uneducated, she learned recorded the difficulties of an to type and spell in her sixties

Grandmother Laura Norder

An Ungovernable People

Edited by John Brewer and

body of the book, Since it is

(Hutchinson, £12.50)

Law is like a language: if we cannot speak it, or if we are short on vocabulary, we are liable to get into trouble. Like every language, it has dialects, which regulate our transactions far more often than the refined usages of the courts them-selves: most human conflicts are resolved before matters get to court on the basis of various shared ideas about what is legal, what is fair—and what is worth the effort.

In the past the dialects were richer and more rank. The law was ferocious in its ponalties, and it is a truism that its feroc-ity was tempered by inefficiency. There was no police force, and no fingerprint testing. But, as An Ungovernable People shows, it was also tempered by a recognition on both sides that the letter of the law was a rigid and often unhelpful way of keeping the peace, only to be invoked in the last resort. Enforcement was a political process at the same time as

peing a judicial one. Armchair observers, then as now, often grumbled that the framework of civil order was tottering. Pickets defying the Court of Appeal in our own day may appear, and may sup-Derok Parker pose themselves, to be making a revolutionary attack on the

primacy of established law. It is also valid to see them as carrying on an old-established tradition of letting off steam in the area of give-and-take at gard as a commendably additional commendably additio the margin of the law. Three hundred years ago that area was far wider than it is now. Food riots were officially regarded in Charles I's day as a collective form of thest with Rioters could be violence.

work at Fyrkat and Trelleborg

hanged. Uprisings were not un-common in seasons when grain tetched higher prices abroad than at home. But in practice rioters were scarcely ever punished at all. There was an accepted way of going about things, to nudge the authorities into doing something about famine relief. Such protests were in fact

demonstrations in the modern sense, rituals with their own symbolism. Women often led them, because according to the dialect of law then current. women were even less likely to be punished severely than persons of discretion. Sometimes their children came too (today, the latter would ride in pushchairs bearing "Action Now !" placards).

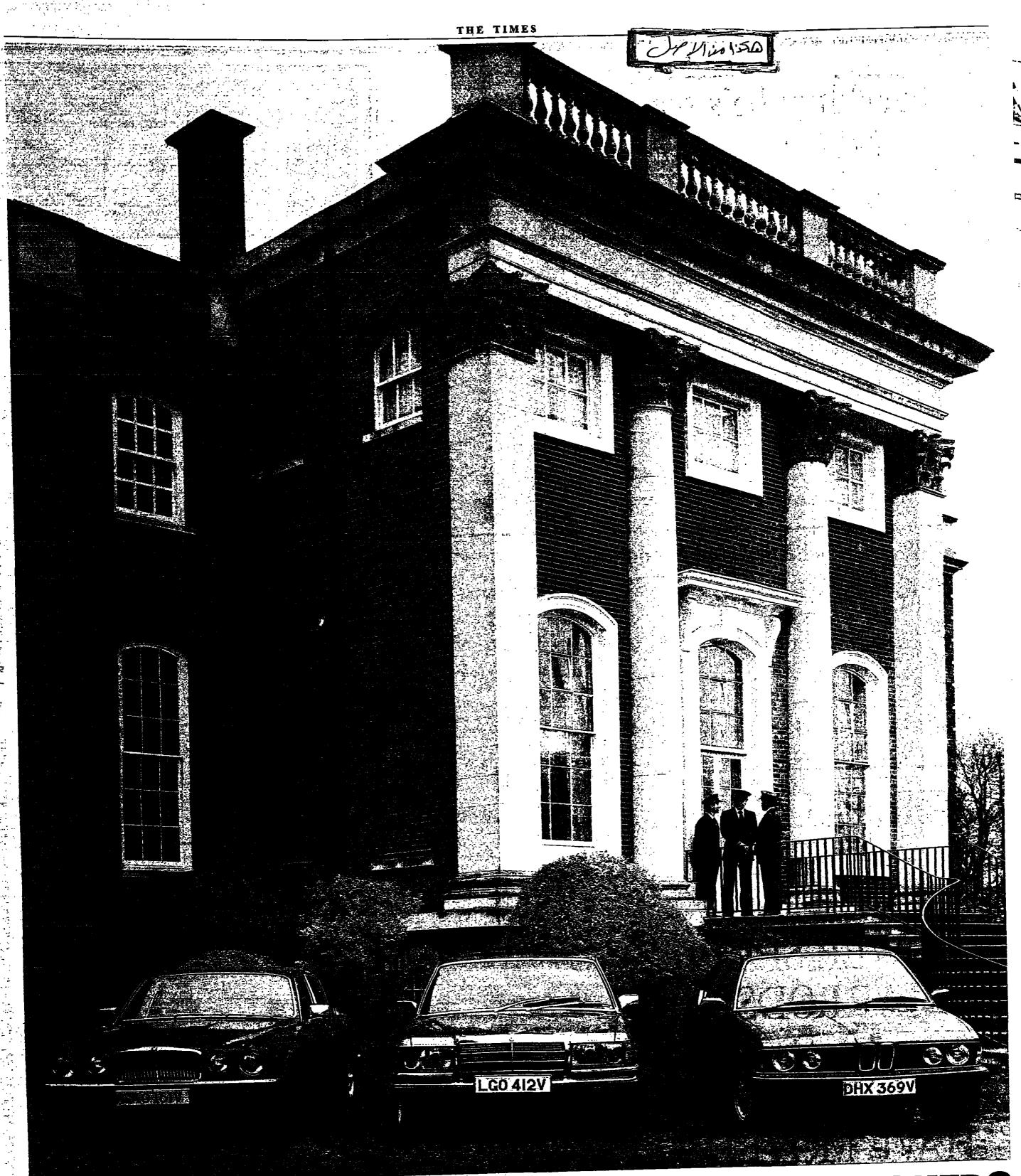
The Maldon Incident of 1629, which the book follows in detail, was exceptional in that two riots occurred within a few months of each other. The first followed the conventional pat-tern. But the depression conrinued, the poor tried the same thing again, and the authorities took serious fright: arrests

vanced view of the status of women). But once again most of the rioters went unpunished, and official steps, more energetic than before, were taken to speed the supply of grain. The book traces the same

feeling that the law belonged to the people and not to the lawmakers in the campaigns fought by the followers of John Wilkes later in the eighteenth century. They ingeniously and cheekily exploited the letter of the law against the authorities in particular against Lord Mansfield, the Denning of his The book ends with a descrip-

tion of one of the most curious backwaters of the old law, the extraordinary institution of the debtors' prison. The law here did not seriously pretend to settle quarrels: like industrial relations law today, it simply provided a kind of empty space in which the parties could resolve their differences as best they might. The King's Bench Gaol was a legal limbo, more refuge than punishment for its inmates, who in many important respects ran the place themselves, rather comfortably, in a spirit of prevarication, mild grievance and strong common interest.

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Ronald Butt

Mr Mugabe's transfiguration

quences for the future Zim-babwe. Yet it has also provided an illuminating insight into the reactions of many in the West who call themselves liberals to political morality and power

By the unqualified support and approval they have given to the Patriotic Front throughnut the guerrilla war, and their open contempt for any settlement that was not the consequence of total victory the cause they supported, they have shown themselves to operate by very different principles abroad from those they profess at home. It is an ambivalence worth a little contem-

Let me say at once that I do not dissent at all from the analysis which concludes that whatever else Mr Mugabe's victory was a triumph for, it is not of any great immediate advantage to Moscow, which, indeed, seems to have preferred Mr Nkomo. If it brings rather more satisfaction to the Chinese, that, I suppose, is not something to ring any alarm hells in the pro-China West

these days.

Again, by his moderate beginning, Mr Mugabe has given reason to believe that he will lead the new Zimbabwe to some sort of synthesis of political principles that will be suitable to the condition of African politics in general and to the inheritance of Rhodesia in par-In this synthesis, Marxism may have only a It is hard to see why this

February 11, 1980, some years after the commission

of the crimes with which they

were charged, three Gestapo officers in Paris were sentenced

to terms of imprisonment by a

crime was participation in the

usands of French Jews in

deportation and murder of

German court in Cologne. The

In the last few days, our interest in the victory of Mr anyone by surprise, Mr Mugabe has inevitably focused grincipally on its likely consequences for the future Zimmance at Lancaster House knows. So what possible reason could he have, once total victory had been delivered into his hands, for throwing away the world's good opinion, and with it the expectation of financial assistance from the West by starting off roughly?

The fact that he holds as hostage the welfare of some 200,000 Europeans (even though Britain can acknowledge no direct responsibility for them) is a further reason for Mr Mugabe to expect help from the West, provided they are treated tolerably. And he has every incentive to keep them for the time being because their work and skill is still needed in the country and the economy that they created.

But because Mr Mugabe is overtly behaving with modera-tion now, we are not only invited to assume unquestion ingly that this is how he will go on; we are also, it seems, expected to believe that he has heen a moderate all along and that if, on occasions, he has appeared to wear wolf's cloth-ing, this had forcibly been put on him by his enemies. Thus we now have The Obser-

ing that Mr Mugabe is a man whom the white Rhodesians have been brainwashed into believing is a communist terwhom, if not by Mr l'ugabe himself? To acquit him of ter-rorism in view of the Lown atrocities committed by his guer rillas is plain silly; to imply that the word "communist" is

But, of course, the attempt to present Mr Mugabe as having been an all-time moderate comes principally from those radicals who, though advocates of every sort of compassion at home, have never, for a moment, wavered in their wish for an all-out victory of the Patriotic Front, turning a half-blind eye to its atrocities. They were determined that nothing should the leaders of the Patriotic

Front to come out of the bush
and compete with Bishop Muzorewa in an earlier election that they might not win, and under a transitional constitution.

But what was the real cause for which the liberal supporters of the PF were so adamant? It was plainly not democracy as we understand it, since they are not concerned by the intimidation which was practised by Mr Mugabe's party and of which Lord Soames repeatedly complained. Nor, despite their pro-fessed concern for the niceties of constitution—building for the initial take off—are they in the least concerned by what may happen to democracy in Zim-babwe once the new state is launched.

If, as is quite likely, Zimbabwe becomes a one-party state under Mr Mugabe, I do not think we shall get any protests from those who have

inapplicable to one who has called himself a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist, and who apparently still prefers to be announced as Comrade Mugabe, is an affront to reason. And on what ground at the time could the whites have supposed that he did not mean it when he talked about executing their leaders?

But of course, the attempt Mr Ian Smith played into their

> But what is it that they have actually promoted in Rhodesia? Not, I think, a rriumph for democracy as we understand it, but the victory of nationalism, and more specifically of tribal nationalism. For Mr Mugabe's party. Zanu, is mainly a Shonaspeaking party, representing the overwhelming majority element in the population, while Mr Nkomo's minority support is population) Matabeleland. Mr Mugabe won overwhelm-

ingly, not because he represents Marxism or any other sort of political doctrine, but because he is taken as representing the majority tribe; because his party used an unquantifiable. but also undoubted, degree of intimidation; because he was not associated with Mr Smith; but above all because of a longing for final peace-which last ought to raise a question of funthe western liberals who persis-tently encouraged him.

Once a society has been thoroughly de-stabilized, even-tual victory goes not to the man makes him eschew the hortox of war, and accept compromise, but to the fighter who will not stop fighting until he is victor.

peace because he alone would have continued to make war had he been defeated. By definition, Bishop Murorews would not be taking to the bush when defeated. Hence, even where there was an inclination to vote for him, it was not necessary to do so for peace. On the con

It does not follow that Mr Mugabe's past condenas his future History praises Canine the Dane as a law-giving, civilized and Christian king, yet he won his throne as a pagen terrorist and it is dishonesi history to conceal the fact. The one party quasi monarchial state is probably the natural condiof most African countries in their present state of deve-lopment and real changes are as likely to be achieved by coup as by the ballor box.

But let us not be deceived either about the nature of the nationalist victory, er its methods or about the fervent

procegandists here who were should be done by compromise Tronically, many of them are among those most coutemptions of, any concern for national identity at home, where they see the overthrow of "racism" as requiring a different sort o

surrender.
They have their victors and despite the cost of their "liberal" realpolitik, one must presume their consciences are eary. Those of us who wish neither to get our way by force nor to surrender to it are, however, entitled to respect those who, like Bishep Muzerewa. vere prepared to my for peace by compromise. Problems for Mr Mugabe's

The isolated Frenchmen

rent, as an isolated element of the society in which they live, and this feeling of separateness remains the outstanding characteristic of what has become the largest Jewish community in

The surviving French Jews, as well as their descendants, still retain the deep emotional stigmata of the Holocaust. re-It was not always so. The mineteenth century saw them emancipated and making uninterrupted progress towards assimilation. The Dreyfus case, coiling as much against the collaborators as the revealing an unsuspected in-tensity of hatred for even the Nazis themselves. However selective 1 e French national most assimilated of Jews, was memory of events during the occupation, the Jews are acutely aware that it was the Vichy government which introa traumatic experience in the Jewish world generally. But when the tumult died, French Jews rationalized it away as an duced racial laws and that the aberration and continued as beactual deportations were per-Jewish consciousness in anxious to become fully France today is still deeply affected by the memory of the Jewish immigrants from Eastern

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deportations. French Jews see and Central Europe were kept

virtually a different community from that of the settled French

The deportations and their wartime privations welded to-gether the 180,000 Jews who survived. Between 1956 and 1962 they were augmented by large numbers of their co-religiorists from Tunisia, Morocca and Algeria who settled in France rather than remain in independent Moslem states. Today, the North Africans consti rate a majority of the 700,000 lews in France, now the fourth largest Jewish community in the world (after the USA, Israel and the USSR).

The North African Jews added a new dimension. They were more intensely Jewish and they brought not only the but a vigorous Jewish tradition.

themselves, to considerable ex- at arm's length and became Their contribution, added to the wartime experiences; has so transformed the situation of French Jewry that there is today no element among them which accepts assimilation as desirable. Young people and in-tellectuals are particular promnent in the advocacy of religous

and cultural pluralism. They find themselves in harmony with a current phenon enon in France, where the traditional national homegeneity is breaking down. Other minorities like the Basques, the Bretons and Corsicans are today asserting their separateness. The Jews, not that they are all or even mostly religious, are similarly asserting a definite Jewish identity.

This assertiveness has coincided with a disturbing re-crudescence of anti-Semitism. It began in 1977 with the daubing of synagogue walls in Paris and Grenoble. The following year death threats were made to Jews in Marseilles and Dijon; the first bombing attempt on a Jewish com unal building in Paris was followed by a spate of other bombings. One of them last year injured several seriously.

Accompanying these acts of violence has been the growth of new right-wing tendencies which promote ideas reminis-cent of Nazi ideology. It is at the moment an intellectual trend rather than a political

The incidence of anti-Jewish ourrages and propaganda is felt more seriously by the Jews because of their sense of isola-tion. And this has a great deal to do with Israel. French Jews have an intense sympathy for the Jewish State; they feel elevated by its achievements, but they see around them in France today a virtual abandon-ment of all non-Jewish support. No party or organization in France, other than the Jewish community, declares positively for Israel. The Communists take the Soviet line and are pro-PLO. The Socialists are muted,

while all the parties in the gov-ernment camp accept a Middle East policy whose main plank

does not add up to anything serious. But the Jews feel the présence of anti-Semitism and

try took an intense interest in Israel. They feel a certain coldness towards them and they resent the constant emphasis on support for the Arabs. That is why they were so deeply in-volved by the trial in Cologne and the revival of the history

Tacitly, all the nation's leader ship has come to the conclusion that France must defer to the Arabs and that there is nothing to be gained from friendship for Israel. The press follows the same line—at best neutral but, generally, hosrile to Israel. Radio and television, state-controlled, caters to the Arabs.

The Franco-Israeli alliance powerful before the de Gaulle

". lews also demonstrate

Privately, many political leaders are sympathetic to the positions, which the Jews bare taken up, but they do not say so publicly. Individual Jews are admired, and none more so than Mme Simene Veil, who was easily the most popular member of the government be-

of the deportations.

The Prime Micister of Jamaica is, of course, Mr Michael Manlev and not Mr Norman Manley,

the satisfaction of Arab

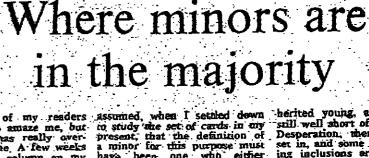
switch away from Israel in 1967, is moribuid Only the Jews stand up for Israel and they feel they have been let down and deserted by their compatriors.

An assertive group, French Jews are undeterred in present-ing the case for Israel. And the pragmatic French Government seems to give the unspoken impression that "we understand how you feel but this is our against acts of Soviet repres-sion, which the Government neither supports nor disturbs.

fore taking up her present pest in the EEC.

Item by item, the current rash of anti-Seminism in France are particularly disturbed by the new intellectual currents. They do not feel as much at home in France as they did before 1967 when the whole coun-

William Frankel



amous minors: Chatterton, Alexander the Great, Lady Jane Grey ... but how did Garibaldi into the set?

Bernard Levin

no better reason than that they succeeded (as monarchs often have) when still below the age.

of majority. James I, Henry VI and Richard II all became King

of England before they became
21 years old, and Queen Victoria ("I will be good") likewise ascended the throne while

still technically a child, though it could be said that she more

than made up for it with the length of her reign. (That

famcus last passage of Lytton Strachey's biography of her begins by reminding the reader of the striking fact that at her death "the vast majority of her subjects had never known a

subjects had never known a

time when Queen Victoria was

pilers had exhausted the list of those who died young, who achieved young, or who in-

In my column yesterday, I

questioned the role of Mrs Shir-

election campaign, and raised

the matter of what her role

Labour Party before the elec-

tion was over. This charge was

unfounded, and I withdraw it

and apologize; she did speak

during the election campaign

itself. (It was the use made of

her own moderate and demo-

cratic views in the election that

(was particularly discussing.)

In any case I wish to make it

clear that however much I may

question her judgment, I do

not question her integrity.

Eventually, however, the com-

not reigning over them ".)

ago, I wrote a column on my hidhood activities in the collecting of cigarente-cards, prompted by an advertisement which offered sets of them. framed; it was a fairly shameess exercise in nostalgia, and I was not entirely surprised by the effect it had in arousing similar feelings among those who read it. Many readers wrote with recollections of their own card-collecting days, some amplifying my own memories of parzicular sets some with news of where they may be obtained (the supplier of one such item insisted that there was a firm selling them which had a stock of 500,000,000 of the mings, which surely must be wrong by a neight or two), and one gentleman gave me so comprehensive and obviously

well-informed an account of the instory and nature of cigarette-cards that I promptly accused him of being engaged on the definitive book about them. (He has not, so far at any rate, denied it.) But among the letters (many

of which included a card or two to remind me of other well-known sets and varieties; there was a substantial packet which proved to contain a complete set, in perfect condition, one of the sets I had collected myself and referred to in my column; what is more, the gift came in a set of five transparent plastic sheets, each containing 10 pockets of exactly the right size, and the numbered set of 50 kad been arranged by my benefactor, in order, in these handy containers, so that both picture and text can be studied with the

The set in question is called Femous Minors", and this is what I had written about it :-My speiling in those days was by no means what it has since become, and I assumed that worked underground hewing Even at that age: 1 could not quite see Lady Jane ley Williams during the last Grey and the poet Chatterion at the coalface, but there they sumed, in the trusting way of might be in the next one. In childhood, that they must doing so, I said that she had have done a stint at the hew not warned of the danger of ing business before setting down to their brief life's Labour Ports before the labour ports.

Well, there they are, the tracic nine-day usurper and the "Marvellous boy" at nos 35 and 29 respectively, and there are no fewer than 48 of their sisters and brothers, including the Princes in the Tower, Lambert Simnel who laser claimed to be one of them, Nathan Bed-ford Hale, Joan of Arc, Mozart. Marco Pole, and the Black

At that point, however, began to be uneasily aware of something that, when I was myself the infamous minor not question her aforesaid, I had missed. I which is undoubted.

The kindness of my readers assumed, when I settled down herited young, and they we here ceases to awaze me, but to study the set of cards in my still well short of the magic one of them has really over present, that the definition of desperation, therefore, cle done is this time. A few weeks present, that the definition of Desperation, therefore, clear minor for this purpose must have been one who either never lived to majority, and comic. Take Milton, for instance or her fame, as an infant, or

course he wrote while young indeed as a child, we hardly think of him a Famous Minor. Still less achieved unquestioned fame before doing so. Thus, obviously, Edward VI. in the we put Washington in that c gory. (And his card is a fully honest; the only the anybody knows about Wash first caregory and the pre-cocious Alexander the Great, as well as, though perhaps a ton as a minor is the stor borderline case. Handel in the the cherry tree, and that second, together with those I have already mentioned. But the truth is that not even both firmly declared to be un finally declared to be un final leaving only the fact be was a public surveyor the age of 16.) Part the You rategories out together will fill a list of 50 men and women who can really be called Famous Minors; it is clear that was precocious enough, he became an MP and I somebody in the cigarette com-pany (Godfrey Phillips) had had the idea for such a set more impressed by the fact he was Prime Minister at than by the information "at 13 he composed a trace (So did I, as a matter of and launched the project without doing sufficient research and the only claim to mine To start with, over a dozen fame I would mast on iskings and queens and other rulers have to be included for of my status as an infant-r

maniac.) Isaac Newton " was a stud ninor", which is perhaps quite enough to make famous; Napoleon "as a m revealed great courage", w does him credit but brings no fame; Garibaldi "wa tender hearted minor who said to have cried because broke the leg of a grasshopp which can hardly be rega as an essential prelude to Risorgimento.

"As a minor", says no of Sr Petrick, "he rel herds" (herds of smake presume); "Edgar Atheli says no. 22; "was procial king as a child but n reigned", which seems an more slender title to fa "Thrashings could not rile famous minor from pla with mallers and chisels marble", says no. 40 Michelangelo, who lived to

very unminor age of 89.
Is this really the best y can do? I cannot think of p other minors who acki something notable while children it is true, though t is Yehudi Menuhin with fiddle and several ya masters at the chessboard cluding Capablanca, Resher Bobby Fischer and now our Nigel Short I am surprised if the set included Mozar wrote the Erlkonig at the of 17), but thereafter I run ideas, though no doubt and apologize; she did speak readers who are as known out, very strongly, against this able, at any rate collections danger earlier, though not as they are generous, will suggestions of their own. way, I hope I haven't som as though I am lookin; precious collection of gift-c in the verso by my comm

> write soon about some of Rolls-Royces I remember f my vouth. Times Newspapers, 1980.

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and shall measure them. I n

LONDON DIARY

Eurocrats who want to

stay put

The sufferings of a bunch of Eurocrats may before long make Mrs Thatcher spare a thought or two for the Euro-pean Parliament an institution not known to be close to her-

The question at issue is the permanent site of the parlisment. This could become the focus of a spectacular constitu-tional row between the parlia-ment and the council of

Basically, the member states within the council were happy with the old arrangement under which the parliament's sessions oscillated between Strasbourg and its theoretical headquarters in Luxembourg. But last month, because of difficulties in because of difficulties in accommodating the enlarged and directly elected body in Luxembourg, the bureau or directorate of the parliament decided the rest of this year's sessions should be held in Strasbourg

This was too much for the parliament's staff, who live in and around Luxembourg, and couldn't face even more travel. So they are threatening to boycott Strasbourg from July 1. This could bring the whole issue to crisis point. What would happen if the parliament decided to take the law into its hands and our permanently for hand, and out permanently for Strasbourg-or, more probably, Brussels? The Luxembourgers. or French, would be hopping

que ente might not be enough to save Mrs I. from taking

Parting present: Michael McCrum, Eton's ourgoing headmoster amounced yesterday that after 100 years of pre-breakfast lessons at 7.30 am. this form of torture is to be phased out in favour of an 8.30 start. "I seem to have had no protests over the plan," he re-

Legal opinion

Britain is not yet as lawyer-ridden as the United States and, to a lesser extent, West Germany. But evidently lawyers have improved their status and fortunes a good deal here since the days of Sir Henri Deterding. the founder of Royal Dutch Shell.

In a letter dated September 13, 1916, which has—as investigative reports say—come into my possession. Sir Henri sharply rebuked his Managing Director in New York, Mr Luyks, for making excessive use of lawyers' services. of lawvers' services.

"Although we have an enormous business here". Sir Henri wrote, "we very rarely consult lawyers - lawyers are not business people. However large a lawyer's experience may be, in the conduct of business be in the conduct of business. he is absolutely useless. A lawyer placed at the head of a concern would soon bring the business to rack and ruin.

"... to ask his opinion as m what you should do or not do



is the worst possible way of conducting business, which should be kept as far as possible from the lawyers.

"We do not wish a lawyer to give his entire time to our business", says Sir Henri firmly: "We have not got firmly. "We have not got daily disputes, neither do we wish to create them. A lawyer is to give us advice if trouble arises, and if you employ him, say six times a year, risis, can be considered the average maximum . . . I hate to see a lawyer in our office. If I want him I an to his office and limit the conversation to the shortest possible time." Would

that this robust spirit still blew management!

Thrilling

When Sir Christopher Soames, then a vice-president of the European Commission, went off to China in 1975, the youthful head of the Commission's Pre-vention of Pollution and Nuisances Division decided to follow in his footsteps. Now Stanley Johnson—he it was—is the Con-servative Member of the European Parliament for the Isle of Wight and Hamoshire East, and has written a novel inspired by

It is called The Doomsday Deposit, and concerns the attempt by an American engineer to divert the course of the River Ussuri so that a newly-discovered deposit of natural photonium (yes, pluton-ium) comes under Chinese rather than Soviet control. The first version was a comedy tentatively entitled A Chink in the Armoire. But Johnson's American publisher advised him to "run it through his typewriter again" and make it a thriller.

a thriller.
Sound advice, seemingly, since it is already doing well in the USA. Heiremann publish it here on March 24. Johnson, who is 39 and has flaxen hair and an engagingly zany humour, used to work for the World Bank and has written six books on population and related. thriller. on population and related issues, as well as three other

What's afoot'. Most mornings a small drama is acted out in our happy Hampstead home which, I

imagine, is being reproduced thousands of other families and down the kingdom.

The source of the excite is the rubbery soles of the sh worn by our two daughters. keeping with a seemingly reversible trend these their predecessors have res bled variously the blowing s of maze-like design.
The aim, no doubt, is to s

The result is that a goodly I centage of the local in becomes impacted into myriad indentations whe safely ensconced it does yield itself up to even the m diligent scraping on pavement edge or doormat.

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NTER MR FORD?

round of primary elections re southern states is whether er President Gerald Ford uniscap nomination is would unprecedented this century a former President to win the White House after at, and it would be an indicaof the paucity of choice lable to the opposition party hem to decide in a year when seem to stand a good chance unseating an incumbent ident that the best man to t would be his predecessor, there are a number of ons why the return of Mr l is now being widely dis-ed in the United States.

the first place he comes the right section of the ablican Party. It has been all along that a more erate candidate than Mr ce of winning over the pendents and defecting ocrats whom it would be ssary to attract if Mr Carter be defeated in November. best man for that task might be Congressman . John erson, who stands at the r end of the party's spec-l. He has spoken with more lour and clarity than any of

principal question posed by terms that it is still hard to believe, despite his unexpectedly good showing in Massachusetts and Vermont last week, that be stands a serious chance of win-ning his party's nomination.

The kind of candidate who would be best placed both to win the Republican nomination and to defeat Mr Carter would be more in the centre of the party than either Mr Reagan or Mr Anderson—not too extreme to frighten off the independents nor too liberal to alarm committed Republicans. That is precisely the impression given by Mr George Bush, which is why he seeped a good prospect a few weeks ago. Since then there has been his disastrous performance in New Hampshire and his defeats now in the southern primaries—which are of less consequence because Mr Reagan was always expected to do well in the south, but which would still not have been by such a margin if Mr Bush's cam-paign had not lost momentum. There is still time for him to recover it, but if he does hadly in Illinois on Thesday it would be logical for Mr. Ford then to enter the race.

He comes from the same section of the party as Mr Bush, and in that sense as well as the more abvious one they must be other candidates in either dates. It is noticeable that in y. But he is regarded as his campaign Mr Bush has the g so liberal in Republican services of a number of Mr. regarded as alternative candi-

Ford's former advisers, including his campaign manager. Mr Bush has the advantage of presenting a fresh face to the electorate, which is no small asset in American politics. Mr Pord can offer experience, which is more appealing to a country that has lost much of its confidence than it was in the old days of surging optimism. His Presidency is now looked back upon with respect as a period of enviable stability. Where others can offer only good intentions for dealing with inflation, he can point to his record in office. He is now willing, indeed eager, for a comeback; and the polls show him running ahead of all other Republicans and of Mr Carter. But two cautionary notes need to be sounded. The first is that if Mr Ford is going to run he will have to enter for as many as possible for the remaining primaries immediately after the Illinois primary on Tuesday. The experience of a good many years new suggests that it is no use a potential candidate simply holding himself in readiness to break deadlock at the convention. Secondly, before a person enters the race he is an idea: the moment he has declared himself he becomes a candidate—and the electorate tends to be more favourably disposed to ideas than to candidates. Nobody has

IE LORDS POISED TO STRIKE

idy had one late and one iless night this weak examthe Education (No 2) Bill, is to the clause today which is local authorities to make arge for school transport. esition to that clause has to the point at which the rnment's ability to carry it e Lords is in doubt. It emis one of the Government's ic-money-saving measures. It part of the education budcontribution to a cause h most of those who are - rrassing the Covernment in Lords Conservative and bench peers no doubt ly approve in principle. deploring this particular

e present position is that allren are transported free to il if they have to go more two miles (primary) or miles (secondary); below distances they are expec-n be able to walk, though often their parents take a regit view and drive them ay their fares. The neo-ervative view is that this is of those services provided citizen can more appropri-

House of Lords, which has ately he left to make his own arrangements, or, failing that, sowards the cost of which he can reasonably be expected to con-tribute, provided he has the means. The best supporting argu-ment the Government has is that, granted the education estimates must be cut, this way of saving money relieves, by whatever sum it saves, the need to spend less on teachers and teaching materials: it may cost you something to get your children to the classroom, but things will be as good as ever when they get there.

That argument would be morepersuasive if the total education budget were not so vast and various. It is hard to believe that £20m or whatever is here at stake would have to be taken off the sharp end of the army of educationists if it did not come off buses. Anyway there are special reasons for not imposing this charge. One is that free transport was a factor in the general depominational settlement achieved in the Eutler Act of 1944 (as Lord Butler of Saf-fron Walden himself may remind the House), and that is not a chapter of history that it would id for by the state for which be to anyone's advantage to reopen.

Then there is the belief that countrymen get a raw deal from local and central government compared with townsmen; ar, more generally, that public policy and social trends are proving disadvantageous to rural life, so that a further swipe like this should not be allowed to pass. A comparison of the fortunes of town and country dweller in that context is not easy to agree. What can be said with more confidence is that village schools have been abandoned wholesale, often to the great regret of the families they served, and always on the assumption that the children would be taken to their more distant destinations free of charge.

this year's election for the

asking.

To save its clause the Government has introduced amendments regulating the charges. From one point of view that may be an improvement, but it deflates the only claim to positive merit in the reform: that it enlarges the area of local authorities' discretion. All in all the opponents have the better of this argument. The Government's authority and its economic policy will survive reverse; so let their lordships strike the blow.

MARCHAIS'S PAST AND FUTURE

December 1942. M Georges early twenties, and not yet a hals, then an unknown wor, member of the Communist Party, in the French aircraft or any other party. When he stry, now leader of the later rose to high office in the in the French aircraft stry, now leader of the ch Communist Party, went ork in Germany. He says he did so against his will, ervices being requisitioned r a law affecting workers special skills. He also says in May 1943, he managed n leave to go back to Paris visit, after which he went.

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e news magazane L'Express now reproduced a document the local archives in birg referring to M. hair's stay there as a worker a Messewiching factory. On pear in pencil, with a line in through them, the dates 10, 1943, and May 10, 1944. thy which branch of the an administration produced document, and for what pur-is not clear. The question h has engaged the attention rench journalists and politifor the last few days is, it prove that M Marchais still in Germany a year after sims to have absconded? other question that could sked is does it marrer? It after all nearly forty years
M Marchals was then in his

party it was not on the basis of any claimed war record but on his merits as a hard-working organizer and faithful follower of the party line. Of all the many reasons one could have for not supporting the Communist Party in France, daubt about whether or not M Marchais was still in Germany in 1944 must surely be the weakest.

M. Marchais himself has said.

he believes the real object of the exercise is to prevent him from being a candidate in next year's presidential election. He has also said he would be willing to submit his war record to investigation by a specially constituted jury, provided that "all the men who are at present engaged in prominent political activity in this country, agree to do the same; and, in a further effort to rurn the tables on his adversaries, he has suggested a parliamentary commission of enquiry into "the responsibility of those who were close to, or approved of, or benefited from the horrible crimes of Bokassa"—a compli-ment clearly intended for President Giscard d'Estaing, about

whose precise relations with the former self-crowned Emperor of Central Africa a number of awkward questions remain unanswered.

That is rather unkind, since in fact few other politicians, of whatever party, had joined in the witch-hunt against M Marchais. It may be that he actually wants to provoke the maximum outcry against himself from non-communist circles, as a way of silencing any mutters of discontent within the party. Certainly it is only within the party that the allegations about his behaviour during the war could do him any real damage—particularly among those of his own age who were politicized earlier in their lives, and who cherish the memory of comrades who died in the Resistance.

It would also suit M Marchais's book just now if the Socialists could be provoked into joining the campaign against him, since that would "prove" the Com-munist thesis that they are secretly in league with President Giscard d'Estaing and the bourgeoisie. Meanwhile the left's electoral formules continue to decline, and the President looks more than the President looks more than ever certain of re-election.

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· Mr Humphry Berkeley he analogy which the histop ashonaland has falsely drawn en the people of Rhodesia durthe recent election and an nary situation, in which the e of this country were forced ite "without a gun between with 22 thousand IRA ists encamped in 14 points and er 5 thousand terrorists roamt large, does not stand un for

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ertainly took place t Rhodesian election the guerrillas, the midscu the t ries and the Schous toral Commissioner, on, however stated iew, this did not the outcome, as did th observers.

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Muzorewa had infinitely larger elec-

The "wind of appeasement" has nor been "sown in the Soviets" as the Rishoo of Mashonaland states. Mr. Mugate has no councing with Moscow. A consistation of the war and no election would however, certainly have benefited Russian imperialism as does chaos anywhere in Africa. Yours faithfully.

HUMPHRY BERKELBY. Three Pages Yard, Chipwick, W4. March 12.

London medical schools

From Dr F. Dudley Hart From Dr F. Dudley Hart

Sir, Coming to London with a
Scottish degree in the prewar
years haping to find a suitable post
in a London teaching hospital was
rather like crossing Hadrian's Wall
in the face of Three opposition.
This situation has now completely
changed and there is a free two-way
flow both ways, which is probably
good for both communities. I was
accorded by Westminster Medical accepted by Westminster Medical School and Hospital as Senior Registra at the opening of the new Hospital and School in Hopping Road in 1939. War broke out soon efterwards, but I resumed duties 24, Harmont House, efterwards, but I resumed duties 20, Harley Street, Withere until a few years ago. March 3.

Having worked in large and small hospitals and medical schools and having examined students in all the London teaching hospitals, the advantages of the smaller more intimate schools are obvious. In medicine Big is not Beautiful. More room round the bed on teaching rounds and more personal smallgroup teaching with more oppor-tunities for what might be called the apprehice approach to prac-tical medicine and medical thera-positics are all great advantages for the medical student, who nowadays has so much more to learn than previously, and who for this reason must keep his intellectual feet more firmly on the ground. Examination results have been excellent, as has the stateots prowess on the sports field. Westminster was and is a happy Hospital and Medical School and its elimination is unthinkable. The Hospital has been active since. 1719 and the School for over a century. Both from the students and the parients point of view, the closing of Westminster Medical School would seem to be a disastron's decision, and one that I hope will be reviewed and reversed. Yours suphfully, F. DUDLEY HART,

Yours. EDMUND AKENHEAD. The Times. New Printing House Grey's han Road, WC1. Fair award? From Major E. W. M. Magor Yours faulfully. WALTER MAGOR. Lamellen, St Tudy, Cornwali.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Transport policy in London From the Chairman of London

Sir, While Mr Ian Simons (March 8) may be unaware of some recent or planned improvements in public treasport in London and is incorrect on one or two points of detail. I cannot disagree with his general observations on the contrast between London Transport and its Paris couivalent, RATP. They serve to highlight the striking difference in the policy towards public trans-port which has existed in the two cities over recent years.

We in London Transport enjoy a close relationship with RATP with frequent exchange of professional views and, while I believe that technical competence of both orgadisations is on a par, Paris has had, since the days of de Caulle, the advantage of a consistent policy

of public transport improvement and the money to go with it. Nearly all the points Mr Simons makes come down to the availability of cash and a long-term commitment to public transport investment and stant, which is a matter for political decision. Over the past 10 tears. Paris, a smaller city than years. Paris, a smaller city than London, has invested more than three times as much as London in its public transport and in 1978 Government support for RATP covered well over 50 per cent of its expenditure—twice the level-of support received by London Transport.

Of course, this has a direct effect on both special and received to the control of the control o on both capital and revenue pro-

iects—from investment in new lines and badly needed modernization of stations and equipment to the level and range of fares and the types of ticket available. Only last week London Transport had to announce a fi2m reduction in its capital investment this year because of Government-cuts in oxiblic spending and, for the first time for almost 20 years, no new Underground lines are under construction.

are under construction.

A consistent and committed public transport policy for London is unlikely to emerge with the possibility of political change at national and local level every few years. This is one of the reasons why I have advocated a new form of public transport authority, possibly on the Parisian pattern, to coordinate all public transport in the London region including British Rail services. Rail service Yours faithfully, RALPH BENNETT.

London Transport, 55 Broadway, SW1. March 11

Christians in Africa

From Mr John Ewington and others Sir, We would like to draw the the courtesy of your newspaper, to the alarming and unhappy plight of Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Secretary of the South African Council of

Churches:

We are saddened by the news that he has had his passport confiscated by the authorities in South Africa, thus depriving him of a document which is vital to the continuance of his work for the church in that part of the world, for he needs to travel a great deal.

We write not as learned theologians or people of any particular political party, but as fellow Christians from a village in Surrey in which he served for two years, during his time of study at King's College, London

He is godfather to some of our children he baptised and married others. We recall his laughter, his humility, his pravers and many other facets of this gifted man of God. We hope that those in positions of authority and influence both here and in South Africa, will exert every nossible means to have Rishop Turn's passport restored to him, so that his work may continue without further interruption. Yours faithfully. JOHN EWINGTON, CLEMENT PAYNE, BART GAVIGAN,

M.A. V. RAYNES, J. KENT, J. M. SHERWOOD. KAY LORING. DONALD BOWIE, Hilbrow Blechingley, March 9.

Confused virtains

From the Crossword Editor Sir, I apologise for one error in the Eliminator Puzzle (February 15) in the clue for 9 across, Conflambo, a villain in Spenser's Faerie Queene who makes his appearance in Book IV: viii in the presence of Amoret, but he was not Amorer's captor.

Amorer had been captured in the
preceding section of the book by an
unnamed creature referred to as greedie hist.". I was relying on The Oxford Companion to English Literature (also The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Literature) which states that Corliambo carried off Amoret, clearly confusing this villam with the one in the preceding section of the book. Fortun-stely the name could be deduced from the this without the need to study the Faerie Queene.

Also of course in my notes en the solution which appeared on February 21, 17 down (Bathsheba). Sergeant Vork " should have read Sergeant Troy "

Sir, In your third leader today, "In the best traditions of the Army" you make a very good case for the award of the Africa General Service Medal, which was granted to those who nock part in the operations in Kenya in 1952-56.

Cuts in BBC schools services We hope that expressions of pub-

From the Chairmen of the School Broadcasting Councils

Sir, We write as chairmen of the School Broadcasting Councils, bodies established by the BBC and charged with the responsibility of advising on the range of and content of radio and television programmes produced for schools throughout the United Kingdom by the corporation. That service to the young of this country enjoys, to our certain knowledge, a high reputation throughout the world and is deeply valued by those who care for education in schools. Programmes are watched and listened to by over 2,500,000 children and young people every

Over a year uzo one of us raised in the General Advisory Council of the BBC the whole matter of the BBC's commitment to educational broadcasting. We then believed that there was only too much evidence within the BBC that the priorities of that great corporation were being subtly (and sometimes not so subtly) rearranged. Nevertheless, firm assurances were then given that our doubts were misplaced.

but were they? A 5 per cent cut in radio as a whole has applied as a 10 per cent cut in educational radio. In Scotland, it is proposed that the budget for educational broadcasting should be abruptly removed and funds sought elsewhere if the service is to continue. This latter proposal raises fundamental and politically complex questions of principle and control, upon which no serious attempt has upon which no serious attempt has been made by the BBC to extend to its own councils even a polite minimum of consultation.

We are understandably fearful of the proposals which may shortly emerge for other sectors and especially those services within the BBC which support educational broadcasting and reinforce its

quality.

The BBC faces a crisis not only of confidence but also of conscience. Millions of people, like ourselves, pay a licence fee to support a public service, and any concept of a public service incorporates that of providing educational broadcasts.

We would see no reason for supporting, either with money or with our public voices, a service which came to place successful competition with commercial rivals on television unambiguously above its commit-ments to education, the arts, social responsibility and the quality of our national life.

lic opinion will encourage the Governors of the BBC to review, in the light of the Charter, the proposals apparently under consideration. Yours faithfully,

HARRY JUDGE, Chairman, School Broadcasting Council for the United Kingdom; BAILLIE T. RUTHVEN, Chairman, School Broadcasting Council for

Scotland: JOHN HOWARD DAVIES, Chairman, School Broadcasting Council for Wales; W. C. H. EAKIN, Chairman, School Broadcasting Council for Novthern Ireland; The Langham, Portland Place, W1.

From Professor G. W. S. Barrow Sir, The compaign to accomplish the final extinction of Scotland, led by Government, Parliament and the establishment in general, goes farward so fast and on so many fronts that it may seem frivolous for any defenders to spend time manning an apparently minor sector. Yet the BEC's broadcasting service for Scot-tish schools, now phreatened with abelition over two years, has an importance out of all proportion to its cost. (£300,000 a year out of a IBC Scotland expenditure of £14m). Abolition is resolutely enposed by the School Broadcasting Council for Scotland and the proposal has struck many teachers and parents with dismay, even disbelief.

School broadcasting was pioneered

in Scotland over 50 years ago, and is peculiarly well adapted to Scotlish needs because of the scale of operation and the unitary nature of the Scotlish educational system, which is of course quite separate and distinct from the other educa-tional systems of the United Kingdom.

Programmes are planned and produced by a highly skilled staff whose experience has been built up over many years to provide a tailormade service, the removel of which can-not fail to have the most serious consequences in the long term. The BBC must be persuaded to rescind this proposal and look for an equivalent economy where it will do less lasting damage.
Yours faithfully. G. W. S. BARROW,

Department of Scottish History, William Robertson Building, 50 George Square, Edinburgh

Plea for concord

From Sir Anthony Meyer, MP for Flint, West (Conservative)

Sir, If there is one thing on which there is cross-party agreement in Parliament it is that the French are impossible, is it not the French who block every proposal to reduce Britain's contribution to the EEC budget, who have snarled up joint action by the West in the Middle East and over Afghanistan, who are shutting out our lamb exports in flagrant violation of EEC laws? And are they not as anti-EEC as they are anti-British? Moreover, for once, the views of MPs are shared

by the country.

If there is one thing in France on which the pays reel and the pays legal are at one it is that the British are impossible. Do they ever cease to threaten withdrawal from the EEC unless their constantly rising demands for special treatment are met in full; do they not endanger the livelihood of French farmers with a flood of New Zealand food imports, which are themselves the reason for Britain's high contribu-tion to the EEC budget? And who are they to complain about the refusal to admit lamb, when they have made it plain that in no

circumstances will they ever permit imports of liquid milk from France? Anti-British feeling in France is just as widespread, and perhaps more virulent than anti-French feeling in Britain.

Such unanimity may be reassur-

ing to us politicians. It makes us good to be so closely in tune with our electors. But where exactly does it lead to?
Whether we like it or not, we ministrand Prench face the same:

dangers, hope the same hopes. We dangers, nobe the same nobes. We alone among European nations have enough experience of parliamentary democracy to know how fragile it as, and how gravely threatened by mass unemployment. We know also that there is an external threat which has to be met, not just with arms, but with ideas. If we part company the things we both cherish will not survive. If we can work together, then the special contribu-tion which we two alone can bring might just enable those precious things to scrape through. Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY MEYER, Chairman, Franco-British Parliamentary Relationa Committee. House of Commons. March 11.

Law of contempt

From Mr W. S. Greenwood Sir, At last we have an Attorney General who is prepared to remedy some of the vagueness in the law of contempt in England and Wales.
As Lord Devan once put it, the

careful editor wants to know at what point the law of contempt what point the law of contempt begins to bite. The Attorney General is trying to help. But as Mr Robin Day has already pointed out to your readers (March 6) there are some flaws in what Sir Michael Havers has proposed should go into the Government's Bill on the law of contempt (as set in the report in The Times, March 3, of his speech

at Cheltenham).

Sir Michael suggests that liability for contempt should start in criminal cases, when a summons or warrant of arrest has been issued or an arrest actually made. This definition, however, would still leave editors and journalists in

doubt in many cases. In a vast nomber of criminal cases the process of law starts in effect by the police detaining a suspect without arrest

and without a charge being laid, while the suspect and witnesses are questioned and evidence is sifted to discover whom to charge with what "Helping the police with their inquiries" is the phrase used. Whether such detention is valid in Are newspapers and broadcasting to be held liable for contempt by publication of prejudicial matter at this stage?

The Phillimore Committee con-cluded (recommendation 10(i)) that liability should only apply in England and Wales when the accused person is charged or a sum-

mons served.

I hope Sir Michael will see fit to adopt the recommendation to remove this grey area. Yours sincerely. WALTER S. GREENWOOD,

Chairman, Law Examinations Board, National Council for the Training of Journalists. Carlton House, Epping, Essex. March 6.

Assisted places scheme From the Bishop of Manchester

Sir. Unlike your staff writer Ronald Butt (March 6) I was glad to read the reports of Lord Butler's speech (February 26) in which he criticised the proposed assisted places acheme; designed to enable academically able children to attend independent

In inner city areas of the great urban centres of Greater Mau-chester, there are doubtless children who night he expected to benefit. Yet I believe this scheme to be fundamentally wrong as well as univelcome to informed educational opinion and to those who care deeply for social issues. Some indpendent schools may in present circumstances be able to offer education which is academically better than that available in some local comprehensives. But it is not up to central government or local authorities to make such a judgment. Their task is to do everything possible to improve the state schools where the vast majority of our children are educated, especially in areas with special difficulties.

Every senny of public money available should be directed to this purpose. Far from being "a healthy challenge to state education". His scheme will subvert the hard work being done in schools whose stated aim is to cater for children of all ranges of ability. Their teachers will he undermined by the very public bodies who give them this task to

perform. Is it too late to ask the Covernment to think again about this socially divisive said misguided Yours sincerely. STANLEY BOOTH-CLIBBORN.

Boxy New Road.

Manchester:

Cabins in the sky From Mr D. R. Dawkins

Sir, I read with interest Mr Powderham's letter (March 4) complaining of the phasing out of first-class travel on British Airlines services to Europe.

As the owner of a smallish com-

pany where saving money is an important factor in staying in business, it has always appeared to me that the executives of companies who travel first-class and always enjoy the best of food etc (no doubt because they are not paying for it)
may be responsible for forcing up
export prices (always blamed on
something else).

Perhaps a return to more sustant triveling conditions might help this commy. Experting is hard work, but the rewards are good-ber let those involved enjoy the februs of their labours after the order is landed, not before! Yours fainfully, D. R. DAWKINS. Coldharhour.

Dorking, Surrey.

A warning to the Labour Party

From Mrs Shirley Williams Sir. " How far left can the gruth be " Levin's article today (March 12).

Let me ask a less loaded question;
how far can the truth be stretched.

left or right? Answer, in Mr Levin's article—to encompass any lie that happens to be useful.

The heart of Mr Levin's attack lies in one sentence on the subject " of undemocratic forces taking over the Labour Party: "She knew as well as Lord Underbill the real extent of that real danger; yet the first word of warning she gave on the danger came only after his emphasis her party had lost the election and she her seat." The implication is plain. I was willing to he used while I held office or hoped to get it. Once I had last it, and only then, was I willing to draw attention to the danger, All of Mr Levin's nasty little insinuations about my colleagues and my-self-"the smell of office in the nostrils for that lot is like valerian to a cat "-depond upon that state-

Not only is it untrue; if Mr Levin had spent ten minutes researching the facts before he started sgribbling, he would know it was untrue: Nabody who sets himself up as Mr. Levin does, as a vigilante for truth, democracy, decency and high moral taxes health over an little for certifical services. tone should eare so little for getting it right. Or does Mr Levin admire the Goebbels technique of telling nor a little lie but a really big one? If he had spent ten minutes : but !. he didn't. It would have spoiled the argument. He would have found refundit. He would nave found clipping after clipping renorting my rainings about Trots'-vites and the non-democratic Left. Perhaps Mr Levin never reads the newspapers, apart from his own column? So he missed not only the reports of in all the newsnaners of the sneech I made in January, 1977, in Belner, but also the 78 column inches of it that appeared in The Guardian that ... month? That seech ended: "Do you accept that if the cause of socialism (as you define it) and the cause of democracy should come into conflict, you, will stand by democracy?" I said that anyone the was not prepared to give an .. unequivocal and unhesitating use to ... this nuertion did not belong in the Labour Party at all. He also disease ands my successes at fringe moet- -ings at the party conferences both :so deaf as those who do not wish to

The great weakness of Mr Levin's : position is that he has no enemies? to the Right. I believe the greatest : threat to democracy in Britain comes at present from the Government's reckless economic policies which will raise unemployment to over two millions: have led to a massive decline in new investment : and have, as a result of the Covernment's own actions, raised the infla-tion rate to nearly 20 ner cent. The Covernment is significant the fabric and British democracy to its limits. Even the EEC's Social Commitsioner was annulled at the randown in seriel and coal in S. Wales and elsewhere. If received Wales and elsewhere. If tree's erunts on a large scale later year, the Government will be much to blame; and so will Levin, who refuses to see any three to democracy from that quarter.

What world does he live in? I shall continue to fight for domocratic socialism within the Labour Party. I hope I will be less selective about truth than he is. His article, may be a tribute to his cloquence; it is an insult to a good journalist's respect for truth.

Yours truly, SHIRLEY WILLIAMS. c/o Labour Party Headquarters. 144-152 Walworth Road, SE17. March 12.

New hallmark for silver

From Mr Charles Hall Sir, Why should we debase our hallmarked silver (Dr Bard, March 5)? It is bad enough having 9 ct gold described as "solid hallmarked described as "solid hallmarked gold" when it only contains 371 per cent gold. Protect us from "solid hallmarked silver" that only con-tains 50 per cent silver!

I would suggest that consumer choice has been guided by advertising not by education. Many have felt cheated during the last two months and there is much bad feeling inside and outside the trade. This situation could not be helped by introducing yet another assay standard whereby the unscrupulous manufacturer could profiteer. Yours faithfully.

CHARLES HALL The House at Gwinear. Cornwall March 6.

Stand-up comic

From Mrs Shirley Porter Sir, Lord Greenhill of Harrow (March 7) is almost correct in thinking that the bollard on the corner of Bridge Street and Par-liament Square has been knocked down at least 10 times. It has, in fact, been knocked down 11 times sitice first erected about two years

As his lordship assumes, this bollard is designed to protect the pedestrian railings. Whereas it pedestrian railings. Whereas it would cost around £350 to replace the pedestrian railings, it only costs about £10 to replace the bollard.

He will no doubt be delighted to learn that Westminster City Council shares his concern about the cost and is at present planning to install a "Trief" high kerb designed to guide the rear wheels of large valicles away from the kerb line and so prevent damage to the

The other alternative, of taking back both the bollard and the pedestrian railings, would involve colossel sums in remoting statutory services, such as electricity, tele-pione and gas, and would result in less room for pedestrians. Yours faithfully.

SHELLY PORTER, Chairman. Highways and Works Committee, City of Westminster, PO Box 240, Westminster City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1.

Law Report March 12 1980

Lonrho is refused discovery of Bingham documents in public interest

Lonrho Co Ltd and Another v
Shell Petroleum Co Ltd and
British Petroleum Ltd
Before Lord Denning, Master: of
the Rolls, Lord Justice Waller and
Lord Justice Duna
Where witnesses at an inquiry
set up by the Government have
been promised that their evidence
will be treated as confidential, it
is in the public interest that that
confidence shall not be proken by
disclosing that evidence for the
purposes of private lidgadon. In
such a case the public interest in
preserving confidentiality outweighs that of the administration
of justice.

The Court of Appeal dismissed

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of justice.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an interlocutory appeal by plaintiffs. Londho Ltd and Compatible de Pipeline Mocambique Rodesia SARL from Mr Justice Robert Goff who refused an application for discovery of certain material which came into existence for the purposes of the Bingham inquiry and was wanted in a pending arrittation in which the plaintiffs claim damages against Sheli Petroleum Co Ltd, British Petroleum Co Ltd and 27 other oil companies for non-use of a pipeline from Beira, in Mocambique to a refinery in Rhodesia.

Mr Mark Littman, QC, Mr Gavin Lightman, Mr Alan Boyle and Mr Michael Briggs for the plaintiffs; Mr Peter Curry, QC. Mr Brian Daveoport and Mr Gordon Langley for Shell; Mr Robert Alexander, QC, Mr Jonathan Somption and Mr Stephen Ruttle for EP; Mr Simon Brown for the Austrance General. of justice.
The Court of Appeal dismissed

Autorney General.
The MASTER OF THE ROLLS and that the appeal was another episode between Lourho and Shell

inquiry report came out in August, 1978. At about the same time Lonrho started an action against shell and BP claiming not only damages for breaking the pipeline agreement bur also alleging conspiracy to injure Lonrho and break the sanctions order.

That action had been replaced for the time being by an arbitration and was to be beard in June. Last month the Court of Appeal (The Times, February 13) had held that shell and BP were not bound to disclose lists of documents in the possession of subsidiaries in South Africa, Moçambique and Rhodesia because they were not in the possession or power of Shell and BP. An appeal was to be heard in the House of Lords on April 21.

The present appeal was another aspect of discovery which arose on the Bingham Report. Mr Bingham heard many witnesses, and in addition Shell and BP produced in London and made written submissions.

Lourbo, for the purposes of the

missions. Lonrho, for the purposes of the arbitration, wanted to see the full representation and they were auxious written submissions. Prima facle they were relevant material which confidential. Mr Bingham wrote

in the ordinary way would be dis-closed in the pending arbitration for they might help Lonrho to prove its case against Shell and BP.

BP.

But exception had been taken on behalf of the Attorney General and by Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, by certificate, to the disclosure of the transcripts of evidence on the ground of the public interest. Mr Justice Robert Goff had held it was such that the documents should not be disclosed. The essence of the case was the circumstances in which Shell and BP made available to the Bingham inquiry their documents and information and in particular the conditions about their giving evidence. Underlying it was the the conditions about their giving evidence. Underlying it was the Order in Council of 1968, under which the inquiry was made. A schedule to the Order made it plain that the inquiry could require people to furnish "any information" or "produce any documents"; but under paragraph 4 "no information furnished or document produced, shall be disclosed" except with the consent of the person by whom the information was furnished or document produced, or on the document produced, or on the authority of the Secretary of State or with a view to the institution of proceedings for an offence against the Order.

On April 7, 1977, Dr Owen told Mr Procek then chalkman of

Mr Pocock, then chairman of Shell, that he had decided on a private investigation. Mr Pocock assured him of full cooperation to the extent that they had con-trol of the information required.

It was clear that BP were con-cerned about the extent of the inquiries because they recognized that there was the claim pending

stating that someone had got hold of documents who ought not to have them and that "this fact highlights the value which BP attach to the assurances of confidentiality contained in the inquiry's request for information, assurances which are particularly important to BP in view of the existence of these proceedings as well as for a wide variety of commercial reasons." It was quite plain that Shell and BP promised to give full cooperation on the understanding, implicit if not express, that the inquiry was to be completely confidential.

The inquiry heard evidence; transcripts taken of it were sent to Shell and BP, who sent back comments and submissions. The report acknowledged the cooperation given.

tion given.
When Government received the

report in August, 1978, the Secretary of State thought that it should not be made public, because of the confidentiality of because of the confidentiality of
the matter, without the consent
of Shell and BP. Both gave their
consent, but with qualifications.
Shell wrote: "Every consent
expressed in this letter is subject
to two general qualifications: (a)
It applies to the disclosure of information and documents to the
extent only that they are contained
in the report of the inquiry and
any appendices thereto. Our reason
. . is that we do not consent to
publication of any more extensive
information or documents which information or documents which could then be available for the purposes of other proceedings."
While at the request of the
Government and in the public
Interest Shell would consent to the

that what he did not put in would be kept confidential. It was plain that he realized that the report, if made public, should be so worded as not to prejudice others who might be injured by disclosure of confidential information. Should the transcripts of evi-dence and the written submissions be disclosed?

be disclosed?
For the Attorney General it was said that they should not be disclosed as a matter of public inter-

said that they should not be disclosed as a matter of public interest; they were given in confidence and if they were disclosed no one would ever give information to such an inquiry if confidence was not maintained. The Lord Privy Seal's certificate said that "notwithstanding that the sanctions Order lapsed on November 23, 1979, I consider that in the public interest production in the arbitration or in these proceedings of records or information vouch-safed to Mr Bingham and Mr Gray in consequence of requests by them should be withheld."

The certificate also stated: "It is important to the proper working of such an investigation as that chaired by Mr Bingham, and also of many other bodies who have the statutory duty of investigation and of finding facts, that witnesses should not be discouraged from coming forward to give eridence or from giving eridence fully and freely. In my opinion there is serious risk that such witnesses would be discouraged if, despite express or implied assurances of confidentiality, the information which they provide could be made public, and they themselves laid open to possible attack at the suit of anyone with whom they may have

business dealings, including com-periors."
His Lordship mentioned his own His Lordship mentioned his own experience in the Profumo inquiry. He had assured every wimess that anything they said would be taken in complete confidence and would not be used except for the purpose of his report. He was quite sore that the witnesses gave their evidence frankly, freely and much more fully than they would have done if that assurance of confidence had not been given. The Lord Privy Seal took the same line.

live.

If witnesses had been given assurances of confidence it was of the highest general inferest that that confidence should be maintained and not broken into maintained and not broken into by any specious arguments. His Lordship had said in D v NSPCC (1978) AC 171. 1901: "In holding the scales of justice, the courts should not allow confidences to be lightly broken. When information has been imparted in confidence, and particularly where there is a piedge to keep it confidental, the courts should respect that confidence and should in no way compel a breach of it save where the public interest clearly demands compel a breach of it save where the public interest clearly demands it, and then only to the extent that the public interest requires. The court had to hold the balance between two public interests—that in seeing that justice was done between the parties and that in maintaining confidentiality in a case like the interest.

The judge had held—and he did The judge had held—and he did not look at the material—that the confidence imposed and reposed in the inquiry by Shell and By was so important to the whole proceedings that, it was a vital public interest that it should he maintained. In passing, his Lordship would say that Lonrho had

gained a great deal of information from that report which they would otherwise have found very difficult to obtain at all.

otherwise have found very unitcult to obtain at all.

Mr Littman submitted that
because of the consent given by
Shell and BP to parts of ducuments or transcripts alreadyrecited—given only to the extent
of what was already in the report
and the loquiry and not things
outside or behind it—the whole
thing should be disclosed. Counsel
had referred the court to a number of passages in the report
which he said showed how
necessary it was for the adminstration of justice that they should
see other parts of the material,
because it would assist Lourho in
discharging the burden of proof.
But the answer to that was that
very likely the arbitrators would
have the report before them and
to one virtually would challenge
the accuracy of the quotations
from evidence or extracts from
documents.

Mr Littman said that it would

Mr Littman said that it would help him and the cause of justice to see the rest of the witnesses' evidence from which extracts were given in the report, the comments on them and the submissions on them. His Lordship could see that if he got the material he wanted it might help him; but on the other hand his Lordship considered that the administration of justice might be affected by the fundamental question of public interest in confidentiality.

His Lordship could see no

in confidentiality.

His Lordship could see no reason why Shell and BP should not limit their consent. They consented to the requests made to them, and his Lordship did not see why they should not withhold.

their consent to anythin Any application by Lin further discovery was on by the public interest in a tiality. The appeal should

nissed. LORD JUSTICE WALL LORD JUSTICE WALL curring, said that the inf and documents of which was sought did not exist most part until the Bird quiry was set up. It was a private and not a public. The evidence showed a was to avoid witchhants vidualizing so far as poss cooperation was given and BP in the belief nature of the investigat designed to avoid so far sible the exposure of into unfair personal attack haps even public self-in tion.

In his Lordship's opl limitation put by the c

In his Lordship's oplimitation put by the con their consent to published the report should be without hesitation.

Where the Foreign had set up an inquiry on that confidentiality wonk broken unnecessarily it wrong and a serious begood faith to allow he breached in proceedings itself the same issues.

Lord Justice Dunn gave corring judgment.

Leave to appeal was the court expressing the law appeal should be the same time as that lodged to be heard in A Solicitors: Cameron.

Solicitors : Cameron, Nordon & Co ; Slaughter Linklaters & Paines ;

Chancery Division

Need to clarify law on **Anton Piller orders**

International Electronics Ltd v evidence on which the Weigh Data Ltd Before Mr Justice Graham [Judgment delivered March 6]

His Lordship refused to dis-charge an Anton Piller order, made by Mr Justice Fox but which it was said, in view of a recent decision in the Court of Appeal, decision in the Court of Appeal, ought never to have been made. Documents had been disclosed in pursuance of the order, and the action before his Lordship had been conducted throughout on the basis that the order had been properly made and the documents properly disclosed. Nevertheless, although his Lordship's judgment had not yet been perfected he refused to order a retrial. His Lordship was giving an additional judgment in a patient action brought by International Electronics Ltd against Weigh Data Ltd, who had obtained the order from Mr Justice Fox.

Mr Jeremy Davies for the plain-iffs, International Electronics; Mr Alistair Wilson and Mr M. C. Hicks for the defendants, Weigh Pages Weigh Data.
HIS LORDSHIP said that on

January 17, some five days before the start of the hearing before his Lordship, Weigh Data had obtained an Anton Piller order from Mr Justice Fox for the disclosure and production by International Electronics of certain documents. During the discussion documents. During the discussion which followed his Lordship's judgment on February 22 as to the appropriate order to be made, he had been informed that between the conclusion of the he had been informed that between the conclusion of the bearing and the date of judgment, the Court of Appeal had given a majority judgment in Rank Film Distributors Ltd and Others v Video Information Centre (a firm) and Others (The Times February 16) which might materially have affected the Anton Piller order made by Mr Justice Fox. Lord Justice Bridge and Lord Justice

and the Master of the Rolls dis-sented.

Three classes of documents must be mentioned. First certain original unit repair sheets, exhibit D5, on which were entered the complaint made by the customer returning an allegedly defective electromagnetic balance for repair, the serial number of the balance, and the description of the repairs in the bandwriting of the several workupen involved. Those documents were alleged to have documents were alleged to have been lost for some time, but to have been found, and produced, as a result of the Anton Piller

order.
Secondly, reconstructed unit repair sheets. D4 and P5, produced by Invernational Electronics, in order to satisfy an order for discovery in a Queen's Bench action against them, and which were alleged to have been made up from the third class of documents, namely, management control sheets P1 (a), (b) and (c) and P6 which contained converge

and P6 which contained comprebensive information about the
units sent in for repair.

The management control sheets
had not been disclosed until produced at the trial in an attempt
by International Electronics ro
rebut allegations based on the
original unit repair sheets D5.
They showed that a number of
the substituted D4 sheets omitted
material items which appeared material items which appeared both in the original sheets D5 and

both in the original sheets D5 and in the management control sheets P1 (a), (b) and (c)... At the end of the discussion on the form of order it was suggested by International Electronics that, in view of the Court of Appeal decision, the Anton Piller order ought never to have been made: that it should be discharged: and that there should be a retrial, because the documents D5, which, as argued by Weigh Data and as held by his Lordship, were forgeries, need never have been disclosed, since they would have tended to incriminate their winesses.

In support of that contention it

witnesses.

In support of that contention it was said that owing to the way in which the order was obtained, ie, ex parte, and executed, ie, without service of any of the co., Reading.

were never given an op to object on the ground dence would have made that fraud was being alle my Wison said that might possibly be objet that the order was served. over that an attack we made at the trial on the of International Elewitnesses. International

ics had not appealed ag-order, or taken objection production and use of t ments at the trial. There was no don throughout the hearing it and the court had proce the basis that the order properly made and the d properly produced. The for discharge of the orde a retrial must be refuse had been done could undone, and certainly h

ship could not retry the His Lordship's attent been drawn to the Privy decision in Kuruma v 77 ([1955] AC 197), in whit held that the test, in b and criminal cases. In ing whether evidence wa sible was whether it was to the matters in issue. then it was admissible tainly relevant to the

Although his Lordship ment had not yet been to by the drawing up of a upon it, his Lordship cosensibly reopen the more than the more of th sensibly reopen me reach any different co-reach any different co-The whole trial had be ducted on the basis of the stood before the it stood before the Appeal's decision in Re a decision his Lordsh would be tested as possible in the House so that the future as Piller orders might be iller orders might be His Lordship wished to confirm, as a patent ju in many industrial proper such as those involving such as those involving trade marks, copyright a fidential information, justionly be satisfactorily dispuss the Master of the Runged in the Rank case. Piller orders were made were many unscrupulous p these fields, and Antor. orders, or something equ were necessary to prevent ing parties disposing of v dence before normal disco-obtained. Such orders n course, be granted with gr and be hedged around v proper restrictions, so as 1

proper restrictions, so as it oppression. They had work in practice, and his Lords' no knowledge of any opphaving been caused. The doubtedly reduced time at in trying such cases, and price avaion of justice. The fallure to serve the on which the order had obtained had not caused a pression in the present ca his Lordship considered th his Lordship considered the evidence ought to have served with the order and would be wise to make profer such service in all Anton Piller orders.

If the view of the Control of the Control of the Control of Lords, his Listingerely hoped that it mispossible to enact amendiagiation as soon as possible, to restore an effective westhe armoury of judges disjustice in important fields. His Lordship's judgment

His Lordship's judgment be perfected, and the requisionarge of the Auton Piller refused and no order made. costs on that order. The ter

EEC reference refused

In re Narinder Singh Virdee In re Narinder Singh Virdee
Article 48 of the EEC Treaty
which grants workers the right to
move freely within the territory
of member states (subject only to
limitations justified on grounds of
public policy) was held by the
Divisional Court not to apply to
deserters caught by the provisions
of section 13 of the Visiting
Forces Act, 1952, even where they
are also nationals for the purpose
of the Treaty of Accession.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said

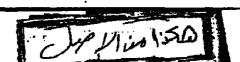
of the Treaty of Accession.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said that the applicant, Narinder Singh Virdee, who was born in Kenya and beld a Bridsh passport but was not a United Kingdom national, enlisted in the Indian Air Force in 1972. On marrying two years later he deserted in order to join his wife in England. Because of his wife's status as a United Kingdom national he was granted an entry certificate and granted an entry certificate and found work in London. In 1979 he was arrested, and after appearing at West London Magistrates' Court he was surrendered to military custody. He sought an order to refer to the European Court

the Treaty the question wh Article 48 had any, and I what, impact on deserters 5 by the provisions of section. His Lordship said that, it ing R v Saunders ([1979] 3-359) if commonsense dictard Article 48 was manifestly. It tended to abolish the power riminal courts, now following the Kember, J. (unit ported, ember 30, 1979) was it immediately. re Kember, J. (ember 30, 1979) v abolish powers apoisin powers
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On Monday in Los Angeles, Sotheby Parke Bernet sold the jewels of the late Carma Israel, making £337,980, or \$7\$3,695, with

making £337,980, or 5753,6953. With nothing bought in. A platinum, diamond and ruby bracelet, which had carried an estimate of from \$95.000 to 5115,000, made £67,265, or \$150.000.

yesterday, bringing a total of £193,177, with only 6 per cent unsold. Spink paid £23,000 for an antique diamond and paste neck-lace (estimate £18,000 to £20,000),

and a pair of diamond and baguette-diamond ribbon and collet

cluster execiles reached £13,000 (estimate £10,000 to £12,000).

A furniture sale at Christie's South Kensington produced £75,590

Another low bought-in figure.

less than 2 per cent of a total of \$120,505, was achieved by Glendin-

ing and Co in their sale of English

Science report

Biology: Fluorescent light mutation

growth spots characteristic of malignant cells, known as type II and type III foci. Material from those foci induced cancer when injected into mice.

The observed plateau after three hours in the dogs company.

hours in the dose-response curve correlates well with results obtained by other investigators for cell transformation by ultraviolet

cell transformation by ultraviolet radiation.

Normal "white" fluorescent bulbs emit about 2 per cent of their output at wavelengths between 300 and 400 nanometres, which correspond to the beginning of the ultraviolet region of the spectrum, and presumably that shortwave component is responsible for the damage.

When the petri dishes were covered with a transparent plastic lid, which filters out the short wavelengths, no transformations could be detected after five hours irradiation with fluorescent light.

Ultraviolet and fluorescent light

damage a cell's generic material by inducing pyrimidine dimers to

ible for the damage.

with 3 per cent bought in.

Christie's sold jewels in London

bought in and many strong prices. A portrait of Charles Lamb, as a young boy rather than the essayist, tiding a pony in Hyde Park, dated 1822, by the elder John Perneley, sold for £27,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000), and a portrait of Francis North by Romney made £24,000. (estimate £12,000 to £18,000).

Another noteworthy price for a

portrait was £9,200 paid by the

Lucerae Gallery of London for the

very pretty Miss Julia Keasberry, dated 1782, by Thomas Beach (estimate £3,000 to £5,000). Miss

Keasberry was the daughter of the manager of the Theatre Royal,

Bath, where she appeared fre-quently, and Beach could perhaps be described as a stage-door

A sale of English furniture and

works of art at Sotheby's Belgravia made a total of £42,012, with only 3.7 per cent failing to find huyers.

From Clive Cookson, of The Times

Several researchers have shown

that light from fluorescent bulbs

causes mutations in bacteria and

in cell cultures. Now comes the first report that fluorescent light can induce malignant transforma-

Ann Kennedy and John Little, of the Harvard School of Public Health, and Mark Ritter, of Pennsylvania University Medical

School, irradiated petri dishes con-naining cultures of mouse embryo-cells with six fluorescent bulbs (General Electric "Cool-White") inches away, for various periods.

The number of malignant trans-formations increased steadily with

tions in mammalian cells.

Higher Education Supplement Washington, March 12



COURT CIRCULAR

KINGHAM PALACE

h 12 His Excellency Sedor ciado Oriando Gabela was ved in audience by The Queen resented the letters of Recall is predecessor and his own rs of Credence as Ambassador the Republic of Ecuador to court of St James's.

Excellency was accompanied to following members of the issy who had the honour of presented to Her Majesty: Licenciado Galo Rivadeneira ister), Senor Econ Angel (Minister-Counsellor) and Dr Emilio Izonierdo (Sec-Secretary).

tora de Gebela had the honour ang received by The Queen. Michael Palliser (Per-ut Under Secretary of State Foreign, and Commonwealth rs), who had the honour of received by Her Majesty, bresent and the Geutlemen of lousehold in Waiting were in

tance.

2 Queen this evening inated the Japan Style Exon at the Victoria and Albert
um where Her Majesty was
yed upon arrival by the Mayor
e Royal Borough of Kensingand Chelsea (Councillor
topher Walford) and the
tor of the Museum (Dr Roy
2).

I John Dugdale, Mr William tine and Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart-Wilson were in at-

Duke of Edinburgh, as Patand Trustee, arrived at Hi Railway Station in the Train this morning to tour Wales in connexion with Royal Highness's Award ne, and was received upon al by Her. Majesty's Lordmant for Dyfed (Mr D. C. el Lewis). d Rupert Nevill was in at-

Prince of Wales this even-trended a Canada Club Din-t the Savoy Hotel. Hon Edward Adeane was

Queen was represented by oan Wade (Her Malesty's Lieutenant for Cumbria) at semorial Service for Lieuten mmander the Lord Wilson ish Wray (Lieutenant for ria and formerly Her ly's Lieutenant for the y of Westmoriand) which eld at Kendal Parish Church, ria this afternoon.

morial service for the Hon el Langhorne Astor will be it St James's, Piccanilly, on ay, March 18, at noon.

hdays today

rence Brady, 41; Professor
Brink, 73; Miss Lesley Col33; Lieutenant-General Sir
ey Evans, 79; Mr Myles
will be spent abroad.
Mr S. N. Olivant
and Miss A. K. Stuart
will be spent abroad.

Mr S. N. Olivant
and Miss A. K. Stuart
The marriage took place on
March 1 in Marylebone of Mr
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Forthcoming

and Miss E. S. Kinnear The engagement is announced geniuses who died young; he is also one of the few English paint-ers whom the French allow to be an artist, largely because most of his career was spent in France. The engagement is announced between John Keate, son of Mr and Mrs D. Eames, of Wambrook Farm, Chard, Somerset, and Elizabeth Susan, daughter of Dr J. D. Kinnear, of Wickham House, Wickham, Hampshire, and of Mrs R. M. Kinnear, of Downland Cottage, West Ashing, Chichester, Sussex.

Mr T. P. Howells and Miss M. S. Ravnkilde

The engagement is announced between Timothy, cider son of Major and Mrs V: Howells, of Bearwood College School, Winnersh, Berksbire, and Sussa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Ravnkilde, Ravenspring, Shoppenhangers Road, Maidenhead, Berksbire.

Mr J. E. M. Hughes and Miss S. C. Mair

The engagement is announced between Joseph Edwin Morgan. only son of the late Mr Hywel Hughes, MBE; and of Mrs M. Hughes, of Llanfairfechen. Gwynedd, and Sophia Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Mair, of Meadowgate, Fitzhead, Taunton.

Mr J. B. Livesey and Senorita M. P. Vilanova

The engagement is announced herween John, cider son of Mrs Marie Gabrielle Livessy and the late Mr Joseph Augustine Livesey, of Ratch End, Middlesex, and Maria, elder daughter of Don Vicente Vilanova Niederleytner and Dona Maria Pia Martinez-Falero Lora of Valencia, Spain.

Mr D. C. Stiff and Miss V. S. Wheatland

The engagement is announced between David Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. C. Stiff, of Eaking, London, and Victoria Susan, daughter of the late Mr R. J. Wheatland and Mrs J. Wheatland, of Ealing, London.

Mr A. I. Whitehouse and Miss C. L. Pinfield

The engagement is announced between Andrew Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. A. C. White-house, of Guidford, Surrey, and Claire Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. C. Plufield, of Knotty Green. Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr R. Brooks and Miss J. M. G. Aschan

The marriage took place yesterday in the Chapel of St Thomas More, Chelsea Old Church, between Mr Randle Brooks, son of the late Mr Harry Brooks and of Mrs Rarry Brooks, of Peover Hall, Cheshire, and Miss Juliet Marit Gabriel Aschan, daughter of Mr C, W. Aschan, of Appin, Argyll, and Mrs M. G. Aschan, of 25 Chelsea Park Gardens.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of silk taffeta and Brussels lace. She was attended by her goddaughter, Louisa Egerton-Warburton, Mr David Musgrave was best man.

A reception was held at 5 Cheyne Walk and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

guests were:
Vice-Admiral Sir lan McGeoch, RearAdmiral M. C. Morgan-Glias, RearAdmiral P. R. C. Higham, Commodore
K. N. Dubash, Captain E. D. G. Lewin,
Commander J. I. Radrobe, Brigadier
M. Mayadas, Colonel R. J. Pearte,
Mr. Neville Trotter, MP. Dr. NobleFrankland, Mr. J. J. Chadwick and MissJ. C. Harrison.

Royal London Yacht Club The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs

Educational

Christopher Leaver, attended a luncheon given by the Royal London Yacht Club at the Mansion House yesterday. Commodore Graham Dowson presided. English-Speaking Union PASS YOUR EXAM

Mr Tom King, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the English-Speaking Union at the Cafe Reylish-speaking Union at the Cafe Reylish-speaking Union at the Cafe Reylish-speaking Union at the Cafe and future investment. Sir Patrick

Cambridge

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Africans

From Our Correspondent

Cambridge
Cambridge University is to establish a trust to provide scholarships
for graduates of all races from

for graduates of all races from southern Africa.

After an approach by the university to industry and commerce, promises of support have been received from 28 companies, in addition to the Bank of England and the scholarships found of the Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate, which will ensure an income of 190,000 a year for seven pages.

income of £90,000 a year for seven years.

The university said yesterday that this would enable the scheme to proceed and it hoped additional funds would be forthcoming before the first scholars began their courses at Cambridge in October, 1981. The aim is to have between 20 and 30 students at Cambridge at any one time.

Scholarships will be awarded to students who live in countries in southern Africa where English is a main language and who have

a main language and who have already taken first degrees at universities there. Countries will include Zambia, Malawi, Zim-babwe, Botswana, Namibia, Swazi-

batwe, Borswana, Nazinia, Swazi-land, Lesotho and South Africa.

The need for such scholarships, the university said, had been made all the greater by the proposed increases in overseas students.

Mr T. C. Gardner, the university treasurer, said: "This is a major commitment. We hope to help to produce constructive leadership in southern Africa".

The trust will be known as "The Cambridge Livingstone Trust"

Treasury accepts

in lieu of duties

In fieu of dunes

By Huon Mallalieu

Mr Peter Rees. QC, Minister of
State at the Treasury, replying
to a parliamentary question
announced that five portraits
have been accepted by the
Treasury in part satisfaction
of estate duty due on the death
of the sixteenth Duke of Norfolk.
They have been allocated to the
National Portrait Callery but will
remain at Arundel Castle on
permanent loan.

They are a pair of portraits of
the second Earl of Arundel, the
great collector, and his wife, by
Daniel Mytens, the poet Earl of
Surrey, by William Streets or
Scrotz, a Gainsborough of the
eleventh Duke of Norfolk and a
Millais of Cardinal Newman.

Under the loan agreement
between the galiery and Arundel
Castle Trustees Ltd, the charitable
trust that now owns the castle,
the registings will be hung in full

trust that now owns the castle, the paintings will be bung in full public view.

portraits

exposure time up to three hours. From then on it remained constant at about one transformation per 2,500 surviving cells. Malignant transformations were detected by incubating the cell cultures for ten days after the

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land, the Bishop of London, Lord Cockfield. Baroness Lockwood, Lard Plowden. Mr Joel Barnett, MP. Sir Lawrence Aircy. Sir Patrick Lean, Sir Prancts Tambs, Mr M. Joseph and Mr P. Moodey.

Holborn Law Society
The president of the Rolborn
Law Society, Miss Lynn Kirkbam. Law Society, Miss Lynn Kirkham, presided at the annual dinner of the society beld at the Connaught Rooms last night. The principal guest was Mr John Stebbings, the President of the Law Society and a founder member of Holborn Law Society. Other guests included: Mrs Stebbings, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Denning, Lord Justice Shew, Lord Justice and Lady Compun. Sir Edmund and Lady Liggins. Mr and Mrs John Elfon, Mr Peter Taylor, OC. Mr Bents Indicated the second and the second control of the C

English-Speaking Union
The Dartmouth House dinner was beld at 37 Charles Street last night. Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Provost of Eton College, and Lady Charteris were the guests of honour. Mr John W. Libby, chairman of the ESU Dartmouth House Club, presided, and Mr Alan Lee Williams, director-general, ESU, proposed a vote of thanks.

St George Dining Club
Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of
State for Industry, was the principal guest at a dinner for members of the St George Dining
Club and their guests held last
night at St Stephen's Constitutional Club. Mr Robert Brum,
President of the Chipping Barnet
Conservative Association, accompanied by Mrs Brum, presided.
Others present included Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, Chapman. and Mrs

dine dimers by fluorescent light in their cell cultures, using thin-layer chromatography and an enzymatic method, and they reported that it was probably the main mechanism of the malignant transformation, though they could not rule out the involvement of other sorts of DNA damage.

Reporting their results in the latest issue of Science, the three researchers point out one immediate consequence: in vitro studies, muragenesis, or malignant transformation, may be perturbed by laboratory fluorescent lighting, unless the experimenters cover them with a glass or plastic filter.

And, they conclude, "the results also suggest that fluorescent light exposure could contribute on a small scale to human skin carcinogenesis".

Source: Science (March 14, 1980; volume 207, pp 1,209-1,211). the Martinez Spanish Restaurant. Sir Peter Allen, chairman of the society, presided. Sir Antony Acland was the guest of honour and, the Spanish Ambassador, president, was among those

and foreign coins. An extremely fine gold 100 franc piece of 1925 sold for £5,200.

sold for E5,200.

Sir Cecil Beaton: On June 9 and 10 Christic's will be offering the contents of Reddish House, Broad Chalke, near Salisbury, the home of Sir Cecil Beaton, who died in January. The house, which was used in the filming of scenes for Ma Foir Ledu together with some

used in the filming of scenes for My Fair Lady, together with some five or six acres. is to be sold by Knight Frank and Rutley.

Much of the furniture and many of the works of art are in the Louis XVI style, with a number of Empire pieces, including a bureau en pupitre which is reputed to have belonged to Talleyrand.

Talleyrand.

These are set off by iron furniture after designs by Alberto Giacometri and cast by his brother Diego, and by paintings by Beaton's friends such as Augustus John, Rev Whistler, Cocteau, Supperland and Hockney.

measured the induction of pyrimi-dine dimers by fluorescent light in

Sutherland and Hockney.

Talleyrand.

irradiation and counting the dense form at points on the DNA growth spots characteristic of strands.

malignant cells, known as type II Konnedy, Little and Ritter

League of Safe Drivers

Lord Lucas of Cinilworth, accompanied by Lady Lucas, presided at the twenty-fifth anniversary dinner of the League of Safe Drivers held at the Royal Automobile Club last night. Mr Norman Fowler, the Minister of Transport, was the principal cuest.

Gardeners' Company

The Gardeners' Company held a court meeting at Ironmongers' Hall yesterday. At a dinner held afterwards the speakers were the Master, Mr C. E. Talbot, the Head Master of Westminster School, the Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and Mr E. G. Chandler.

Service dinner

Service Dinner East Midlands Universities OTC East Midlands Universities OTC Major-General R. E. Gerrard-Wright was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the East Midlands Universities Officers' Training Corps held at Nottingham University last night. Dr Jonatham May proposed the toast to the corps and Major J. A. Blackmore presided.

Reception

Chapman. The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Younger were hosts last night at a reception held at Dover their annual dinner last night at House, Whitehall, for industrial-

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Lecturers: Dr C. C. Nowis (English).
J. H. Lewis (physics. electronics and electrical engineering). Dr C. Morgan (mechanical engineering and engineering production).

Manchester Appointments

Appointments
T. D. Swinburne, PhD, DSc (London) to be Barker professor of cryptogamic botany.
Readers Dr D. Mayer (drama), Dr D. A. Farnie (economic history), E. Smbb (oconomics), Dr M. N. Mediums (government), Dr M. E. Grant (modical biochemistry), Dr M. E. Smuth (government), Dr M. E. Grant (modical biochemistry), Dr J. S. Dowker. (theoretical physics).

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View of Lerici in 1826 makes a record £65,000 OBITUARY

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CAPTAIN J. ILLINGWORTH Pioneer work in ocean racing

winning many of the important races and serving simultan-eously as Commodore of the Royal Ocean Racing Club and the Royal Naval Sailing Associ-ation, besides on the Council of the Royal Yachting Association.

A naval engineer officer erving in submarines before the war, he had already made his name as a successful ocean racing yachtsman. The peace found him in Australia organizing repairs for the British Pacific Fleet: it was his sug-gestion that led to the first Sydney-Hobart race, which he won in one of the smallest entries. This has since become one of the great international offshore classics.

Back in Britain, serving in command of a navel eir station, he built Myth of Malham, the most advanced ocean racer of her time, and sailing her he won each of the next two Fastnet races.

Meantime, he had been working on the idea of a small and economical yacht suitable for racing offshore or round the buoys, besides extended cruising. This came about with the RNSA 24 class, of which the first five were batch-built by Camper and Nicholson, cost-ing little over £2,000 each. Critics freely forecast that they were too small to race across the English Channel, but one was to win a race across the Atlantic, while John Illing-worth's own Minx of Malham won almost every race in her first season when skippering his Myth of Malham.

He followed this with the conviction that in capable hands and with strict safety rules enforced by inspection his ceven smaller boats could safely best.

Captain John Hilingworth, race offshore; so he played a who died on March 7 at the age big part in forming the Junior of 76, was the father of post Offshore Group, which allowed war offshore salling racing, suitable boats down to 16 feet waterline length; as its President he bought and raced Wista of 11 ton displacement to encourage those who could not afford bigger yachts to

enjoy the sport. Yet that same season he also raced Creole, of 600 tons, and, encouraged by Admiral Mountbatten who was then First Sea Lord, he formed a committee to revive sail training races for big ships, so that deep sea sailing would be available to many young people. Thus was born the Sail Training Association, of which he was the first chair-

John Illingworth's enormous influence on sailing was greatly augmented by his writing. His book Offshore, largely written when he was sailing across the Arlantic, was quickly established as an outstanding classic, while his regular articles in the yaching press, scarcely disguised by a pseudonym, were avidly read.

On leaving the Royal Navy, he set up a design partnership with Angus Primrose, and for several years yachts built in their mutual design figured prominently in the prize lists around the world, one coming close to winning the Bermuda race, while in another Sir Francis Chichester sailed along

round the world.

John Illingworth combined an original mind with a real pleasure in dealing with people. A Yorkshire man, he was a true internationalist, feeling particu-larly at home in France and across the Atlantic. He was an excellent helmsman, suggesting that horse riding as a child helped this; but outstandingly he was a supreme skipper, who could quictly lead each one of his crew to give of their very

ALEXANDER ZIMIN

Alexander Zimin, the distinguished Soviet historian, died after a long and painful illness in Moscow on February 25, three days after his sixtieth birthday. His range as a his-torian was wide. His main interests lay in fifteenth and sixteenth-century Russian history. The works which established his fame as the leading Russian medievalist of our age were devoted to the period of Ivan the Terrible (I. S. Peresvetou and his Contemporaries, 1958; The Reforms of Ivan the Terrible, 1960; The Oprichning of Ivan the Terrible, 1960; the Period of Ivan the Ivan Ivan the Terrible, 1964); but he

also produced outstanding works on the political, social and economic history of the reigns of Vasily III, Ivan III and Vasily II. His output was vast; he wrote tirelessly even in the last months of his illness. He edited innumerable texts, including chronicles, literary works, legal documents, and he wrote learned articles on every conceivable aspect of early Russian

Russkaya pravda (the medieval Russian law code) and The Composition of the Boyar Duna; as well as these he left drafts of other historical works, including a study on the feudal war of the mid-fifteenth century.
In 1963 he astonished academic circles both in the Sovict

Union and in the West with his views on the authenticity of the Tale of Igor's Campaign, allegedly written in the twelfth century, but which he passion-ately believed was a work of the eighteenth century. Only fragments of his voluminous and valuable treatise were allowed to see the light of day in a few scattered articles, so sensitive was the subject deemed to be. The fact that he was not permitted to publish all his textological findings deeply Sasha Zimin was a man of

great integrity and moral courage. He had a large following of devoted students in the Soviet Union, and in the West he had history and literature. Still to many friends who loved him as be published are Russia on the a man and admired him as a Eve of the Time of Troubles, great scholar. He lea Russia at the Time of Ivan III, widow and two children. leaves a

Mr E. L. C. Pentecost who lied on March 8 after a brief by the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society.

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Mr E. L. C. Pentecost who not, however. been recognized by the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society.

He exhibited Beevbilde cattle at the Royal Smithfield Show in the three years 1959-61 and on two occasions one of his animals had the highest daily live. died on March 8 after a brief illness, ranked as possibly the most important individual breeder of beef cattle in Britain, and perhaps the world, in the last 40 years.

His achievements were that he His achievements were that he was, from 1939, the first British breeder to use genetic means to breed the horns off a fairly numerous breed. The modern, polied Lincoln Red, which is beginning to find new favour in Canada, United States, South America and South Africa, was the result the result.

He was also able to claim from the end of last year that he had sold 2,000 beef breeding bulls of the many breeds he handled since starting farming in 1936 at the age of 40.

On the way he also estab-lished a breed of Red Aberdeen Angus by crossing a bull with the red recessive gene he found in Scotland in 1938 on to black Aberdeen Angus females to find the heterozy-gores. This breed found favour as better able to withstand the heat of South Africa than the black variety of the breed and a few years ago was reported to number 9,000 head in the United States after growing from its original base in

Wyoming. With Scottish breeders Jerry Rankin and the late Gordon Blackstock he also produced a polled strain of the Scotch Beef Shorthorn, Eric Pentecost also developed his own white

builder) officially recognized cattle farmers, not least in the by the Ministry of Agriculture Lincoln Red breed which he in 1967. At first this breed was rejuvenated, would claim that red, and this strain still con-

mals had the highest daily live-weight gain of any animal at the show.
Until he stopped showing in

Until he stopped showing in 1970, his cattle won some 300 prizes at shows, including 42 major championships and 30 lesser ones. They included five championships and seven reserve championships at the Royal Show and a supreme championship at the Bath and West Show. He was president of the Lincoln Red Cattle Society in 1959 and of the Newark and Notts Agricultural Society in 1973.

Society in 1973.
A son of the Nottingham, non-conformist business community which also included Sir Jesse Boot, Eric Pentecost was lucky, at about the eighth attempt, to get a bank loan in enable him to take over a backrupt textile business in 1928 He succeeded with the busi-

ness to the extent that it became a public company in 1936, and that provided him with the financial base from which to pursue his cattle breeding projects which, he claimed, generally lost money. He was never an easy person for authority to deal with and he had some notable conflicts about the registration of bulls with the Ministry of Agricul-ture and with breed societies in a period in which what constitype of this strain, tuted a breed type was careHe also blended Lincoln Red, fully written down in the
Shorthorn and Angus into a
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his contribution to British cattle tinues. Latterly he had been breeding was at least as great breeding a Black Beevbilde as st that of the great Robert the larger Angus" which has Bakewell in the 18th century.

had joined the Hungarian Com-munist Party in 1918. Between the wars he lived for a period in the USSR and took part in

Mr Ernő Gerő who as the Stalinist movement in Moscow,

domination. Gerö fled to Russia, reportedly on one of the Soviet Gero was born in 1898 and tanks he is supposed to have ad ioined the Hungarian Com- summoned to restore the communist autocracy in Hungary. After his flight and Nagy's own defeat and arrest, Kadar assumed the reins of govern-

ment. into his country but was expelled from the Communist Party in 1962 and had lived quietly in retirement from that

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It was a view of Lerici dating from his Italian tour of 1825, and it was bought by Felgen, a dealer from New York (estimate £30.000 to £40,000). The previous record, which had stood since 1971, was £28,350 for a Venetian subject. The sale, of British paintings from the seventeenth to the nine-teenth centuries, made a total of \$441,950, with just over 5 per cent Today's engagements

Richard Parkes Bonington (1801-1828) is one of the many English

For the most part his best work was in watercolour, but towards the end of his life he was turning

to oil paint, and one such painting appeared at Sotherby's yesterday and made an auction record of £65,000.

The Prince of Wales visits Department of Industry, Ashdown House, Victoria Street, 10; visits Sir Thomas Lawrence Exhibition, National Portrait Gallery, annex, Carlton House Terrara 5. Gallery, annex, Carlton House Terrace, 5.
Exhibitions: "The Vikings",
British Museum, 10-5. Lizzie
Cox: "Somerset" diary drawtings and Dennis Creffield:
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Talks-Lectures: "Books, Bookworms and Publishers: Are They Redundant?" Sir Robert Lusty, Royal Justitution, Albermarie Street, 6. "Coastline of Britain", lecture hall, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, 3. "British military involvement in Zimbabwe". Horace Campbell, Africa Centre, 38 King Street, 6.30. Chelsea Antiques Fair, Old Town Hall, King's Road, 11-7-30.

Hall, King's Road, 11-7-30.

Linchsime music: The Thamyse String Trio, St James Garlick-hythe. 1.05. Oboe and plano recital, St Mary-le-Bow, 1.05.

Memorial services: Mr Patrick Hutber, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 12-30; Mr David Edmundson, Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, noon.

HM Government
Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held
at Lancaster House yesterday in
honour of M Ahmed Osman, président, Rassemblement National des
Independents, Morocco The Ambassador of Morocco was among
the guests.

Luncheons

HM Government

Imperial War Museum

Dean, chairman of the English-Speaking Union, presided and Mr Alistair Burnet gave the vote of thanks. Other speakers included: Mr Edmund Doll, Lord Harris of High Cross, Mr David Warburton, Mr William Channing, Sr John Clark, Mr Robert Coulson, Mr Hai Miller, MP, Mr Alan Le Williams, Mr James Well-beloved, MP, and Dr Alcon Copisarow,

Dinners

Royal Institution of Chartered The annual dinner of the plauning and development division, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, was held at the Naval and Military Club last night. Mr S. P. Byrne, president of the division, was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Perer Boydell, QC, and Lord Winstanley.

Imperial War Museum
The chairman of the trustees of
the Imperial War Museum, Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy,
was host at a luncheon held yesterday on board the museum's
ship, HMS Belfast, to mark the
opening to the public of a display
on the Battle of the River Plate.
The Chief of the Defence Staff,
Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence
Lewin, was present and the other
guests were:
Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGooth, Rear-Chartered Surveyors' Company
The Chartered Surveyors' Company held their Spring dinner at
Clothworkers' Hall last night.
The Master, Mr B. J. Russell,
presided and received the guests
with the Senior Warden, Mr
N. E. H. Taylor, and the Jumor
Warden, Mr R. A. S. Brock, The
Master, Alderman Sir Lindsay
Ring, Mr B. A. Farquharson and
Mr R. C. G. Strick were the
speakers, Other guests included:
The Chairman of the City and Golids
of Loudon Institute: the Mastera and
Gress of the Clothworkers'. Tallow
Chandiers' and Saddiers' Companies,
the Privato Secretary to the Lord
Mayor, and the City Engineer.

Association of Certified Accomments
Mr Amory Pakenham-Walsh, president of the Association of were:

Certified Accountants, and mem-bers of the council and their ladies, were hosts at the presi-dent's dinner held at Guldhall yesterday. Among others present

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University news

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Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh: Professor G. Smith, department
of surgery: Experiment of Freez, Smith
lecturer: department of pinchemistry:
Dr. W. A. Hamilton, reader, head of
the department of microbiology.

Ampointment
Miss D. A. Dawson, MA (Berkeley,
California), appointed university lecturer in land scoromy from October 1
for three years.

Awards and grant
Then Very Beer Dean Prize for 1980 Sir Henry Plumb, Mr J. Bieby, and Mr J. D. Cormie have been appointed to the council of the Royal Veterinary College. Henry Roy Dean Prize for 1980 J. Hamilton-Dulcit. BA. of Pam-College. A grant from the A. J. Fund to H. J. van Hensbergen, incistone Mamorial D. Grants to london University on The lottowing grants were incorrectly authorized to London University on March 11:
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Research fethowships: S. C. Franklin,

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College; and G. D. Price, Clare College.

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Fellowships in Class E: Dr. C. L. Wasper,

Fallowships in Class E: C. C. C. Brunt,

of Fitzwilliam College, and L. R. Pooc.

of Trinity College,

Edinburgh Edinburgh

A new chair of Arabic and
Islamic studies is to be set up
with an endowment of £250,000
from Bagudad University. It will
be named the Iraqi Chair and will ensure a permanent professorial post in the department of Middle Eastern and Islamic studies.

Latest wills

Aberdaen
The following degrees were conferred on March 5:

Miss Kathlean Margaret Tait, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire, left 297,364 net. After personal bequests she left the residue to the Cheshire Homes for people of horized means. Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed): Backes, Mr John Barrie, of Virginia Water 123,567
Dare, Mr Harry, of Solibull £139,481

Dickson, Miss Agnes May, of Enchingham, Sussex . . £230,296 Figg, Mr James George Martin, of Redhill, Solicitor . £140,098 Gentle, Mrs Clarice Maud, of Pos-lingford, Clare, Suffolk 5218.981 Green, Mr Alfred James, of Rei-gate 5444,571

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Thomas, Mr Edward Rugh, of Westminster ... 2207,996
Tomkinson, Mr Eric Fenton, of Cleobury Mortimer, carpet manufacturer 2286,163
Trentham, Mr George Colla, of Hadzor, Wortestershire ... £152,443
Turner, Mr James Shepherd, of Worksop £214,786
Walker, Mr Malcolm Thomas, of Piddietrenthide, Dorset, Consul-General, Capetown, 1967-70
E137,423
Wathes, Mr John, of Coventry £159,927

MR ERNO GERO

First Secretary of Hungary's as First Secretary of the Com-Communist Party ruled the munist Party in the three months before the uprising of 1956, and unpopular; in October died yesterday at the age of 1956 he was swept aside by the 82. Toppled by the wave of anti-Soviet feeling which returned Imre Nagy briefly to power, he fled to Russia as First Settleary of Hungary.

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the Spanish Civil War. In post-war Hungarian governments he was successfully Minister of Prevented from returning to Transport, Minister of Finance and, in 1950, Minister of State was eventually allowed back and Minister of Foreign Trade. Prom 1955 to 1966 he was Deputy Prime Minister and in 1956 succeeded Matyas Rakosi, himself a victim of the antiStock Exchange Prices

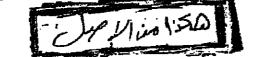
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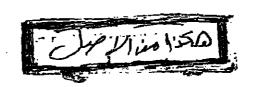
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- Sterling \$2.2345, up 75 points Index 72.5, up 0.3
- Dollar Index 87.4, unchanged
- \$587.5, up \$19
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Pirst main ine rail ontract for 4 years

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ictory bid

ir Mike Egan of the General Municipal Workers Union two officials of the former ccano shop stewards commit-have met Mr John Hamilleader of Liverpool City neil to discuss a bid for the e Hill plant. No statement

Footwear disposal, page 25

colworth profits W. Woolworth has announprofits of £57.2m for the to January as against 1m. Sales were up from Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of 3m to £888m. A poor third the Federal Reserve Board, had ner cent, but then recovered he final quarter by 13.3 per

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xon energy forecast ree World energy demand grow at only about 2.5 per a year over the next two ides, compared with econo-growth of 3.5 per cent, on Corporation said in its ld Energy Outlook, pub-id in New York.

l from Rhodesia urner & Newall, the Manrer-based asbestos group, red a fall in profits of our one third to £27.5m, due mikes, high interest rates the strong pound. But T &

expecting £12m help this from its Rhodesian subsi-Financial Editor, page 23

output cut

ibya is to cut back its oil luction from 2.1 million to million barrels a day from il, it is reported. Speculation iso growing of cuts of be-in 5 and 10 per cent by-ria and Algeria, whose oil-ised as a benchmark for h Sea pricing.

hicle imports up

ported vehicles increased share of the United Kingshare of the United King commercial vehicle marker 3.62 per cent last month and Glyn's made no offer on pared with 18.99 per cent the union's claim for a 31 per cent increase for middle grade cashiers, which would have had a knock-on effect on the pay th's sales at 25.371 were for higher grades. The union's hasic claim was for 25 per cent.

W Germany relaxing exchange controls to attract Opec funds

Brussels, March 12

West Germany is planning to scrap some of its foreign ex-change controls in the hope of arracting Opec funds into the Deutsche mark.

The move, which is intended to help support the value of the mark on foreign exchange markers and plug the country's growing balance of payments deficit on current account, will be discussed tomorrow Frankfurt at a meeting of the Federal Bank's central council which will also be attended by Herr Maufred Lahmstein, the state secretary in the Bonn

finance ministry responsible for monerary affairs.

Existing regulations prevent-ing non-residents from investin German government securities of less than four years' life will be relaxed to allow foreigners to purchase paper of two years' life or more. The same rules will be applied to the gentleman's agreement between the Federal Bank and commercial banks Rank and commercial vehicle has prevented non-resiand commercial banks dents from investing in Deutsche marks denominated

promissory note loans of less than four years life. The initiative for the change is coming from the finance ministry in Bonn. Exchange control relaxations have to be land is far from encouraging, interes submitted to the Federal Bank A progressive dismantling of States.

From Frank Vogl Washington, March 12 President Carter could announce his new anti-inflation

measures as early as tomorrow

night or Friday, according to Administration officials. Public

Administration officials. Fullic spending cuts and revenue-raising measures of more than \$22,000m are being considered. It appears probable that the centrepiece will be an oil import tariff of \$4 or \$4.40 a barrel, that will raise revenue.

by at least \$10,000m. The Pre-sident does not need approval to impose this duty and it may come into force on March 31. Many of the President's

budget-measures, however, will

demand Congressional approval. Some of the specific

proval. Some of the specific actions that he will almost certainly propose have been heavily rejected by Congress in the past so a bitter and perhaps long battle seems certain.

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Roard, had

private meeting today with

Democratic Party leaders of

Congress and top administration

for the last six days to work out a specific anti-inflation pro-gramme. Today was supposed to be the last meeting for this group and the subject was credit

Mr Volcker is believed to have argued forcefully against

credit controls and to have reiterated his strong conviction

More than 270,000 bank em-

ployees were yesterday offered a 17 per cent pay rise which is being considered by the bank-ing union and the staff associa-tions with further negotiations planned for next week.

Mr Len Mills, general secretary of the Banking Insurance and Finance Union which represents 180,000 bank workers, said last night: "We have very serious reservations about the

offer and the employers' suggestion that this must be a 12-mooth deal is not acceptable to

Employers in the four main

Bank staff

17 pc rise

offered

By David Felton

Labour Reporter

This group has been meeting

officials.

for formal approval, but there limitations on foreign investis no doubt in Bonn and Frank ment over the past month or furt that this will be forthcomes on has failed to support the ing tomorrow.

The way in which the German exchange controls have been applied means that the liberalization could come into effect almost immediately, once the Federal Bank council has given its blessing to the changes.

Technically non-resident purchases of short term fixed in-terest securities have never been banned Instead they have been made subject to Federal Bank approval, which has in-variably been withheld.

For an interim period, the Federal Bank will, with Bonn's blessing approve non-resident purchases of securities with a life of between two and four years, pending a change to the order governing the exchange controls. It is thought that this will take about three weeks to come through. It appears as if the Bonn

finance ministry is toying with

the idea of eventually dealing directly with selected oil pro-ducers by offering them German government paper. But for the moment it is hoped the exchange control relaxation will in itself attract funds into Germany. In this respect, the example of Switzer-land in the form the example of the switzer-land in the swit

Oil tariff likely as US considers

trols being imposed on the use of credit cards. Outstanding

credit card debt is about

Tentative agreements appear

to have been reached on about \$11,000m of budget cuts. Con-

gressional leaders on the Demo-

cratic Party side believe they can force through \$2,300m of

cuts in Federal grants to state

governments, about \$5.000m in

general reductions from almost

all departments, and an assort-

ment of small cuts. A particu-

larly controversial item is trying

to save \$500m a year by ending postal services on Saturdays.

The oil import tariff pro-

posal may spark controversy

because its immediate effect will be to raise retail prices

Estimates suggest that each 51

a barrel import fee will add 2.5

cents to the retail price of a

gallon of petrol and produce \$2,500m of revenue for the

Increasing revenue by obtain-

ing much earlier withholding

payments on interests and divi-

dends is being considered and banks would be responsible for

making the deductions. This

could bring in \$3,300m of revenue but when the idea was

Investigations were continuing yesterday after the suspension

of two of the top investment experts at the £1,000m Elec-

tricity Council pension funds. However the council yester-

day were playing down the

significance of the matter and would only confirm that Mr Alan Urwin, investment mana-

ger of the pension funds and Mr William Lund his deputy were suspended on full pay last

week.
The two men have also resigned from the board of Westmoreland Investments, a

westmore and investments a private property company whose portfolio was taken over by the Electricity Supply Superannuation Schemes in 1974 after the collapse of the property market. No reason was given by Mr Urwin or Mr Lund for their presentations.

for their resignation.

By Alison Mitchell

Inquiries on suspended

investment fund experts

so stimulate inflation.

that a big reduction of budget last proposed in 1976 it was deficits was essential to boost public confidence in the prospect of greater price stability.

There is talk of limited conmaybe months, to deliberate the

measures to raise \$22,000m

\$50,000m

Treasury.

franc in the face of the large interest rate differential be-Swiss and dollar securities.

These latest steps mark a U-turn in West German monetary policy. In the past, both Bonn and Frankfurt have sought to discourage official foreign investment in the Deutsche

Today, however, government officials were talking of the planned steps as being deliberately designed to attract Opec funds into Germany, through offering the oil producers shorter term paper than has been available in the past. The German monetary auth-orities have changed their policy with surprising speed, as it is only a few weeks since the Federal Bank was extending the scope of its gentleman's agree-ment with the banks to block the emergence of the mark as

a reserve Currency. Today one Federal Bank offi-cial, when reminded of this, re-marked simply that there was no point crying over spilt milk. In fact, the turnaround is a measure of the concern felt about the relative weakness of the mark on foreign exchange markets and the high level of interest rates in the United

maybe months, to deliberate the merits of the cuts and as it

does so, economic activity may slump and thereby undermine the political pressures to cut

Prospects of a slump were

heightened today by a dismal report on business capital spending plans which shows that real increases in plans and

equipment spending this year

may be less than two per cent.

The commerce department said that its latest survey con-

firmed earlier survey results

that the nominal rate of in-

crease in business plant and

equipment outlays might be held to 11 per cent in 1980, under \$200,000m. This report

could trigger new demands from Republicans in Congress

President Carter knows that

when he announces his new budget plan he will face an attack from some state gov-

ernors for forcing them to raise

taxes to offset the cuts in their

grants from Washington and an

attack from Liberals in his own party, including Senator Ed-ward Kennedy, for cutting pro-grammes that aid the poor.

doing nothing to boost invest-ment incentives.

Mr Lund has been a director of Westmoreland for about eight years while Mr Urwin joined the board two years ago.

The Electricity Council funds

have been involved with the

private property company for about 10 years funding several developments, including

The council funds took a con-

trolling stake in Westmoreland

in 1974 and four years later

bought out the minority interest

from Phoenix Insurance, ICI Pension Fund and Gresham

The two funds—the Electri

city Supply (Industrial Staff) Superannuation Scheme and

trol more than £1,000m of investments of which about

Electricity Supply Superannuation Scheme

£600m is in property.

Brighton Marina.

Republicans will say he is

ness investment

spending and trap inflation.

match what are regarded as interest rate levels in the United States. On the other hand, they cannot stand by and see their counterinflation policy jeopardized by a decline in the value of the

mark on foreign exchange

markets. Official intervention to sup port the mark by selling dollars has been substantial in the past week or so. It is hoped that the partial lifting of exchange controls will at least stabilize the currency by stemming the net outflow of funds from Ger-

measures go through. Germany succeeds in attracting funds from abroad the inflow would help not only to cover the DM20,000m current balance of payments deficit ex-pected for this year but could also help to meet the Federal Government's large borrowing requirements.

Sterling stronger: In London the Foreign exchange markets were generally quieter today with the dollar slipping a little against most currencies. Strling was strong with a 0.3 point rise in its trade weighted index to 72.5 per cent of its end-1971 value. Against the dollar the pound rose by 3 cent to \$2.2345. Cheer for EMS, Page 23

Murdoch group sells 25 pc stake in LWT

News International,

group which publishes The Sun and News of the World, announced yesterday that it had sold 4.05 million "A" shares in LWT (Holdings) for £4.84m. LWT (Holdings) is the parent of London Weekend Television. The shares, which represented 25.2 per cent of the "A" ordinary capital were sold through the market for about 119p each. Yesterday the shares closed down 12p at 123p.

The sale will net News Inter-national a £3.85m profit over the book value of the shares. It still has an 11.7 per cent stake in the voting capital of LWT (Holdings) and empha-sized that the sale of the "A" of confidence in LWT's ability to get its franchise renewed.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority has already announced new areas to be served under contracts to be awarded at the end of this year. n general the areas were little changed, Applications for the post 1981 contracts are due in by May 9 to the IBA. The association between Mr Rupert Murdoch, News Inter-

goes back to the beginning of the 1970s when he injected E500,000 into the group.

In November 1978 News International sold 2.6 million 'A" shares in LWT after publication of the Annan report. It was thought that the group would be asked to lower its its own time. LWT profits for the year to

July 31 rose from £6.51m to £6.92m before rax. Profits from television and related activities after deducting the exchequer levy remained static.

However the group benefited from first time contributions from book publishing and tour rom book publishing and tour operations where it has recently diversified. Last year LWT bought 60 per cent of Page & Moy, a travel agent, for £195m and in 1978 it paid £3.9m for Hutchinson, the book publisher and printer.

LWT's interim results, due to be announced next month, are likely to be depressed by the impact of the 11-week television

Shares in retreat on selling

By Michael Clark Jobbers marked prices sharply lower on the stock market yes-terday amid fears of strong selling after the recent glut of bad economic and company

In the event the selling did not materialize but the result of the mark down was a fall in the FT Index of 10.7 to 444.9. Trading had begun cautiously after mixed comment on the previous day's banking figures, but it was enough to keep most of the big institutional investors

on the sidelines.

The market then became full year figures from Turner & Newall which saw a 31 per cent downturn in profits and wiped 16p off the shares at 110p. pervous after the disappointing

Another blow came from the chairman of ICI who said the company was not generating enough cash to maintain its investment programme. This prompted rumours of a rights issue which were discounted in some quarters as "unlikely".

Gih-edged securities had a fairly poor day and after a hesitant start finished mainly

ınchanged. Oils, on the other hand, recovered from heavy falls earlier in the week with most of the second liners holding up relatively well.

Sentiment was not helped by strong rumours on the trading strong rumours on the trading floor that a broker could be caught out by the good news in the oil sector which has pushed share prices dramatically higher over the past few weeks, but suddenly ended last Thursday.

Typical was the speculative stock Siebens Oil, which crashed from 915p to under 500p at one point.

Gulf Fisheries set for fight over Lonrho share-raising plans

By Philip Robinson Batrle lines are being drawn

for the expected confrontation tomorrow over the moves by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, the chief executive, to increase the authorized share capital and buy half a copper mine in

Sir Hugh Fraser, House of

Fraser group chairman, said last night that the 2.8 million shares, about 1.3 per cent of the total, controlled by his various trusts—Sir Hugh owns no Lonrho shares personally—will be voting with Mr Rowland.

The decision was taken at a trust meeting two weeks ago. trust meeting two weeks ago. Sir Hugh said: "This is the way Mr Rowland has built his company up by issuing shares. There is no reason to object

It is also expected that Save and Prosper, a major investing institution, will vote its 3 million shares with the Lonrho

Last year Save and Prosper-which at that time had 2 million shares—supported an unsuccessful attempt by Gulf Fisheries, the Kuwaiti controlled company which is Lourho's biggest shareholder, to put two of its men on the board. The increased holding has

been bought in the market and came as a result of the Lonrho's successful takeover of Scottish and Universal Investments. Weighed against it will be Gulf Fisheries which holds 41.6 miltion shares. Gulf is expected to force a vote on Lourho's plan to create

40 million new shares and raise the authorized capital from £62.5m to £72.4m. Gulf is likely to argue that there are around 28 million

authorized but unissued shares already, and with no specific acquisition plans, it considers there is no need to create more

shares. It is believed Gulf wants a commitment from the Lourho board that it will not increase the shares until its next interim report when it should have a

better idea of profits. It is reckoned that Lourho could make £120m in the current year and the share price should respond to the half-time figures.

The Kuwairis also understood to be unhappy with Lonrho's plan to spend £1.25m on taking over Mr Rowland's balf of the Nyaschere copper mine in Rhodesia. On that point Mr Rowland will be unable to vote his 26.2 million shares, or the five million he controls through Mr Daniel K. Ludwig's holding. Even so Sir Hugh Fraser and Save and Prosper are ex-

pected to vote for the deal.

Meanwhile, Mr Philip Tarsh.
Lourho director, told financial
analysts in Zurich yesterday that Lonrho expected £120m to £150m profits this year. Prin-cecess Hotels International, in which Lonrho bought a half stake last October, should contribute at least £7m.
He refused to confirm that

He refused to confirm that the group had received offers for its 29.9 per cent stake in the House of Fraser and said Lonrho had rarely stayed content with a strategic minority stake for long.

Mr Tarsh told the analysts he could not say how far negotiations between Gulf Fisheries and Mr Graham Perguson Lacey had progressed, but added that the Kuwaitis would

ded that the Kuwaitis would definitely not be on Lourho's

ICI chairman gives warning on cheap imports threat to plastics

By John Huxley By John Huxley
A warning that the impact of cheap American imports, based on artificially-low feedstock costs, will next be felt in the European plastics market was given yesterday by Sir Maurice Hodgson, chairman of ICI.

At the summarine he discussed the control of the cont

At the same time, he dis-closed that the group's synthetic fibres division, whose problems had been exacerbated by the flood of cheep goods from the United States, lost £33m last year. Within this, a £9m provision had been made restructuring costs—mainly re-dundancy payments. Group pre-

tax profits were £560m.

Sir Maurice said that European producers had incurred much odium in fighting for pro-tection against cheap imports. Yet the quotas recently approved by the European Commission would help very little.

"Concern in this area will continue. Not only are products. like fibres directly affected, but the low United States energy

cost reflects in the low value of the dollar," he said.

Cheap imports represented a "major long-term threat", and Sir Maurice urged the industry

to talk to government so that effects could be anticipated. "Otherwise we will inevitably be limited to taying to recover situations rather than prevent them."
ICI defended itself against

accusations that it spent too much time "wingeing" about competition. It was necessary to start complaining early if the European Commission machinery were to respond in time to meet potential threats.

meer potential threats,
Styrene producers—which do
not include ICI—have already
asked the Commission to act
against imports from the United
States. Mr Philip Harvey, a
director responsible for plastics, said yesterday he expected cheap imports to have a depressing effect on prices, which were already at unrealistically low levels for some products. Trading profits also slumped in ICI's organic chemicals diviin 1018 organic chemicals divi-sion (down from £21m to £7m), which is centred on dyestuff production. Oil earnings, prim-arily from ICI's Ninian field



interests, contributed £71m to profits. The group is extending its exploration into the West-ern Approaches and will seek further acreage in the seventh licensing round. Other good performers in-cluded the agriculture division

(profits up to £159m, from fishm); petrochemicals (£98m from £54m) and general chemicals (£141m from £128m).

Capital expenditure sauctioned during 1979 dropped considerably, from 1788m to £552m, and the United King-dom share fell from £456m

to £286m. Actual expendi-ture, which because of long lead times in plant construction lags 18 months or so behind approval, totalled £760m last year, against £701m in 1978.

The decision to reduce investment plans has been prompted by forecasts of slower

cash flow and of profitability, after allowing for inflation.

Last year's £560m pre-tax
profit, measured against the
Retail Price Index, would be
little more than the £140m surplus recorded in 1970, Sir Maurice said.
Year-by-year investment com-

parisons can be misleading ICI has a number of large plants coming on stream this year, in locations including Wilton on Teeside, Dumfries, Wilhelms-haven, and Corpus Christi in However, it seems likely that

there will be a further fall in investment sanctioned during 1980, although Sir Maurice insisted it would continue "at a very high level.".

The main thrust of overseas investment last year was con-

centrated on strengthening the group's position in the Americas. Sir Maurice said the United States remained "the prime market in the world". It was as big as the European Community and six times that of the United Kingdom.

It is hoped to increase sales there from about \$1,000m this year to \$2,500m by the mid-1980s. Mr Robert Haslam, one of ICI's three deputy chairmen, who recently took up residence in the United States, said that the group might grow

there through acquisition.

Mr Alan Clements, the main board director responsible for finance, said that although the most attractive growth pros-pects existed outside the United Kingdom, ICI would not neglect its home base. Apart from spending already sanctioned, there is the possibility of further developments if ICI's oil interests increase.

In the foreword to his annual report, Sir Maurice said: "Looking at 1980 and beyond there is considerable uncer-tainty. Inflation has increased in the OECD countries, and although world output of chemi-cals rose by 6 per cent in 1979, prospects for growth are poor and there are fears of an economic recession. Financial Editor and Business Diary, page 23

Research corporation and industry department back US robots company

Why Britain cannot build its own workers PRICE CHANGES

ently advanced United Kingdom Milis & Allen Sp to 316p Ningate Explor 20p to 440p E. J. Riley 4p to 57p Utd Scientific 11p to 474p W Rand Cons 25p to 825p manufacturer of Industrial robots, the National Research Development Corporation and rbe Department of Industry have agreed to back Unimation, Same of Bridge the American company which is 3p to 31p 4p to 59p 10p to 288p 16p to 110p 13p to 485p Smith Bros Stakis (Reo) world leader in this field, in an attempt to get a substantial foothold in this rapidly growing 1p to 19p= market. A £420,000 investment by the THE POUND NRDC in a joint venture with

Unimerion to build small indus-trial robots in Telford, Shropshire, was announced yesterday. The Department of Industry is also providing an interest relief grant of £240,000.

Unimation has had a sales and service operation at Telford

since 1970, concerned with the

company's heavy duty Unimate robors. The design which will be built at Telford is the

up components weighing up to 51b and assemble complete units to a positioning accuracy of . At a demonstration in Lon-

four thousands of an inch. don yesterday Mr William Makinson, NRDC managing director, said that the reason this investment was in an American company was that there was no comparable indigenous United Kingdom manu-facturer. The NRDC had been interested in concluding a deal with Unimarion for many years. Mr John Scholes, head of the NRDC's engineering department said that the corporation. was anxious to invest in British companies. Three aspects were relevant in Britain's use of industrial robots.

smaller Puma (Programme Uni- now part of GEC-Marconi). British industry at present to versal Manipulation for Assem- "We've had discussions with meet those needs, Mr Scholes bly) machine, which can pick that company", Mr Scholes said. "and it is not our relucsaid, 'tance that has prevented us backing it." Second, there would be a

need for complete assemblies of numbers of individual robots. While some user companies as General Motors, such Siemens and BL had the ability to design their own complete systems, others did not; there was thus a need for a new systems design business to Third, and most important for the United Kingdom at

present, was an urgent need for of increasing productivity. The NRDC hoped to stimulate ad-In the supply of individual vances in all three areas, and in particular in the first and side. robots such as the Puma there was only one British company (Hall Automation of Watford, There was no capability in

Mr Joe Engelberger, presi-dent of Unimation, said that the

Puma was " the smartest robot" available today, and he be-lieved that it would be an important export product for Britain. There was much scope for the further development of robot systems in Britain and there were "probably 10 good groups" working on this sub-ject in United Kingdom universities.

Mr Christian Adams of the Department of Industry said the Dol was delighted to have Unimation setting up in Britain: the department was keen that British manufacturing industry this move should be a stimulus to adopt robots in the interests to British manufacturers to enter the robot manufacturing business and it attached great importance to the applications

Kenneth Owen

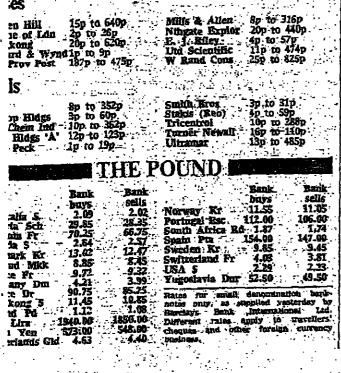
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The industrial group with interests in property, optical products, pasomatic tubes, sports surfaces, waring services

Major Increase in Profit

£34,036,000 £43,120,000 +27% Pre-tax profits 2,806,000 4,326,000 +54% 10.52p 16.74p +59% Earnings per share Earnings per share 12.24p +50% Dividends per share 3.71671p 4.08838p

- * 54% growth in profit
- New Acquisition Crofton Group has out-performed our expectations
- * 65% increase in dividend paid following 1 for 2 Rights Issue
- * Further significant growth expected



New head of Monti group named

Signor Antonio Bisaglia, Italian Minister of Industry, has appointed Signor Alberto Grandi as commissioner to run the troubled oil empire of Signor Attilio Monti.

Signor Monti's activities include four refineries with annual capacity of 45 million tonnes and a network of service stations bought years ago from British Petroleum.

Signor Grandi, head of the Bastogi financial and industrial group, has held senior positions at the Montedison Chemical Co and at ENI, the state hydrocar-bons group.

OECD prices rise

Consumer prices in member nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development jumped to 1.5 per cent in January, the highest monthly rate in seven years, and up from 0.9 per cent in December, it was reported from Paris. For the 12 months ended in January the rise was 12.7 per cent.

Tokyo car debate

Mr Yoshitake Sasaki, Japan's international trade and industry minister, believes his country should comply with demands for more Japanese capital investment in the American car industry, and for increased car and car part purchases.

Danish debt interest

Every percentage point rise in foreign interest rates means the Danish government must pay around 240m kroner (about \$19m) extra in interest on its foreign debt. Mr Niels Erik Soerensen, a foreign ministry official said in Copenhagen. Denmark estimates a payment of 3,600m kroner this year.

New Iranian field

Iran's national exploration company has struck light crude oil in a new field 35 kilometres north-east of Dezful, in the oilproducing Khuzestan province, a National Iranian Oil Co spokesman said in Tehran. Investment confidence undermined by government 'indifference'

Wool industry calls for protection

Confidence of wool textile manufac turers to invest in design, marketing and higher productivity has been undermined by the "apparent indifference" of the Government and the European Commission

to the industry.

In recent months, there have been a series of closures and redundancies. Imports of wool cloths to the United Kingdom market have risen to more than 45 per cent, according to an economic development committee report* published

The report, produced for the National Economic Development Council, calls on the Government to provide greater protection from cheap imports and to consider providing wool textile areas with selective assistance.

Imports from low-cost countries are a small proportion of total penetration, but one which is growing rapidly. Cheap imports have potentially serious implications for profits and jobs.

Wool textiles is Britain's sixth largest export. In 1978 it had a turnover of f1,250m and employed more than 73,000 people, concentrated largely in Scotland and West Yorkshire.

The committee, led by Mr Brian Smith of ICI, says: "The Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) should be renewed in 1982 in an even tighter form than at present if longer-term confidence to invest is to be encouraged."

It is the work to the confidence to invest is to be the confidence to invest is to be encouraged."

It is through the MFA that the growth of imports into the European Community from the developing countries is regulated. According to the report: "The industry is confident that it can compete effectively in suphisticated markets if its home market base is not eroded by low-cost

imports."
The Government is also asked to ensure that no disruption of markets is caused

By Michael Baily

Britain's experters to North

America are paying substan-rially higher freight rates than their continental rivals. The continental rates are 20-30 per cent down on the British needs

for a slightly longer crossing.

Laporte Industries of Luton said yesterday, "We are paying

580 a ton for titanium dioxide,

our main export product to the United States, compared with

\$53 a ton from the continent.

For the present we are absorb-

ing the extra which means we

are getting a lower return than

but we cannot go on doing that indefinitely."

The North Atlantic West-bound Freight Association (NAWFA) declined to comment

vesterday except to say that the lines were examining the situa-

tion. It arises from the with-

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Mr Brian Smith; pressing for tightening the Multi-Fibre Arrangement.

when Greece and later Spain and Portugal enter the Community.

It is conceded in the report that the wool textiles industry has been losing its reputation progressively for good design to Italian producers. However, the industry repeats complaints that many Italian manufacturers are working in the black economy".

"Growth in the Italian clothing and textile industries has taken place in firms which, it is often claimed, officially employ only a few workers to avoid social security and pension contributions.

"Whole factories have been reported to be working on an underground basis and even the larger Italian mills are said to find it difficult to compete on prices with smaller producers who are able to reduce labour costs in this way.

"Tax evasion, under-invoicing, favourable credit schemes are other advantages, legal or otherwise, that benefit Italian producers", the report says.

The industry is looking for evidence to show that such practices lay the foundations of unfair competition, but believes that the Government should assist.

Meanwhile, the industry is attempting

Meanwhile, the industry is attempting to recapture its former excellence in colour, innovation and design—for example, by coordinating fashion themes to promote British wool cloth at international fabric fairs.

The committee believes that 1980 could be the low point in the wool textile industry's trade cycle. It suggests that, to keep labour in the industry, unions and management should look into the question of overtime to determine whether there is any potential for work-sharing to reduce

redundancies. In the longer term, Sir Keith Joseph Secretary of State for Industry, is asked to consider selective assistance for areas of high wool textile concentration.

The committee says that Sir Keith's decision to reduce the extent of the Development Areas has profound implications for the industry in West Yorkshire and Scotland. It means, for example, that in West Yorkshire, there would be no assistance under Section 7 of the Industry Act in areas other than Bradford.

*Wool Textile EDC Progress Report 1980, available free from NEDO Books. 1 Steel House, 11 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LJ.

John Huxley

British warned about Freight war hits British 'lack of imagination' exporters

By Kenneth Owen

Technology Editor Britain is suffering from an "imagination gap", not a tech-nology gap, Mr Donald Rowley, deputy managing director and technical director of British Aerospace dynamics group at Bristol said last night.

Britain in genreal and British Aerospace in particular could be prevented from participating in some of the more futuristic proposals because of a national lack of "real will and imagination", he added Delivreing the

Barnwel memorial lecture of the Royal Aeronaurical Society in Bristol, Mr Rowley said that the imagination gap was at present to a certain degree in civil aviation and in defence -- but was "dangerously close" in three areas of space engineering where Britain could play a significant future role. Those were drawal from the continental communication satellites, earth conference of America's Sea resources satellites, and space

In communication satellites, Britain's leading role in Europe could be lost, because there was no sign of direct broadcast satellites being adopted in this country. France and Germany by contrast are intending to develop such a craft.

Earth resources satellites could be useful for pollution control, monitoring oil tanker movements, measuring ocean temperatures and studying fish movements, among other things. But Britain was lagging behind other countries in Europe in ex-pressing interest in this field.

Space power stations—geo-stationary satellites several square miles in area, which would convert the sun's energy into electricity and beam it to earth—could substitute for expensive oil or nuclear power stations and for major efforts such as developing North Sea and Alaskan oil. But the Department of Emergy appeared

Engineers oppose **Finniston** report

The Institution of Mechani-

In a 42-page document sub mitted to the Government, it outlines areas of disagreement

institution suggested The uggested that the composition should be no more than 15 members of whom eight should be nominated by the chartered institutions, five drawn from employers and academic life, and two nominated by the Privy Council which would,

must be self-ge

The institution also believes that the Finniston committee was wrong in not harnessing the experience of the existing professional institutions in its recommended structure for the profession. Over the past 150 years they alone have taken upon themselves the responsi-bility of creating a competent, dentifiable engineering profes sion. Now they are to be kept at arms length from the authority, expected to provide a number of services and the fruits of their experience, yet have little or no influence on

its strategy.

Another major point expressed in the institution's submission, again in conflict with that of the Finniston committee. is in its recommendation for a two-tier structure of chartered

and registered engineers. Ar present, the title char-tered engineer is awarded to practising graduate professional engineers with the appropriate experience. According to the institution, since the publication instruction, since the publication of the Finniston report there has been a great deal of lobbying within the profession to keep the title. But the institution maintains that "the qualification of registered engineer chould not be introduced." should not be introduced."

The IME has—like the other

salary of engineers. Mr Gordon Dawson, president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, believes that the decade in a professional engineer's life between 35 and 45

they can be so used," Mr. Dawson said.

The institution's findings are only a small part of the debate taking place among the 180,000 professional engineers in the United Kingdom. Those diverse opinions will have to be satisfied if any of the major processes of the Einstein inguing posals of the Finniston inquiry is to be implemented.

Raw materials dearer

Norway trade surplus

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cal Engineers is opposing the structure of the Engineering Authority proposed by the Fin-niston inquiry into the profes-

and agreement gathered from the 73,000 British mechanical engineers, who are members of the institution. The concept of an Engineering Authority, says the institution "is one which we accept in principle, but only if it is and is seen to be an instrument of the profession and not one of Governmeat '

according to the institution, "protect the public interest.".

The IME emphasizes the

need for the engineering authority to be autonomous and to be financially totally independent. Such fundings ated and minus any depen dency on government gratui-

electrical, civil and chemical professional bodies—been con-ducting discussions with indus-

is the most underpaid. "Engineers must be given more responsibility at an early stage in their careers and be trained in such a fashion that

France's raw material prices index rose 3.9 per cent in February after an 8.5 per cent increase in January, the National Statistics Institute said in Paris.

Norway's fureign trade for the first two months of 1980 showed a surplus of 388m kroner (about £35m) against a year-earlier deficit of 379m kroner, figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics in Oslo indicate.

unit of output and consumer prices. No sources are given, though it was Professer Friedthat proposition. Professor Maynard (Business Rules of the game

Robert Neild

Sir, In his critique of our article (February 25), Professor Friedman (March 3) first accuses us for some reason quite beyond us, of writing about the "Phillips Curve" (to which we made no reference, oblique or otherwise), rather than about the proposition we did address and which we believe to be central to monetarism as currently purveyed to

leve to be central to monetarism as currently purveyed to
politicians, namely, that slower
monetary growth will reduce
inflation without causing more
than voluntary and temporary
unemployment. But then he
goes on to say that he "entirely
agrees" with our criticism of
the theory on which he based
that central proposition; he
makes the welcome and serious

makes the welcome and serious admission that he has no firm

theoretical basis for the empirical regularities he claims to

In fact, Professor Friedman

has rendered his assertions

about empirical relationships

over time between the quantity of money and other variables incapable of refutation. For, having stated some rather precise time lags between the change in one magnitude and support the additional results.

tude and another, he adds the caveat, as he has done in the past, that the time lags "vary from episode to episode". In-

stead of accepting his challenge

stead of accepting his challenge
"to offer empirical evidence
contradicting these well-established propositions", we therefore await the day when he
specifies his theory in a
manner that is open to the
possibility of refutation

As an illustration of how
Professor Friedman proceeds,
some points should be noted
about the "small sample of evidence" in his new book to

dence" in his new book to which he referred the reader.

This consists of charts showing

for five countries the move-ment of the money stock per

From Mr Nils Gunnar Brander
Sir, I have followed the debate over monetarism on this page

If people are allowed to operate freely in the markets for over monetarism on this page. and in Business News with great interest. I think, however, that you make a mistake in presenting the matter as an argument between people who understand economics and those who do not (leading article, February 26). ness of individuals, or, even worse, that of strong groups By all means let people like Prooperating as collective infessor Friedman supply the the-oretical background to political dividuals, merely leads to de-structive banles over what loot there is to be had. The more the individual's exertions to look after number one are baldecisions. But the acceptability or otherwise to the British people of expert solutions is surely a matter for the collec-tive wisdom of the people's representatives exclusively. It is anced by a strong Christian ethic or perhaps more simply by an unequivocal adherence to fair play, the more freely he perhaps unnecessary to state here that economic decisions do can operate without detriment to his fellow man. not take place in a vacuum, as in a game of Monopoly, but that they directly affect people, not all of whom will benefit from a free play of market forces,

Professor Friedman's laissezfaire evangelism is certainly welcome in a society which is being strangled by conditions that discourage personal initia-tive, but there must be a political and ethical concensus, shared by a great majority of the people, about the rules before start of play. Otherwise someone is going to be badly hurt.

Yours faithfully, NILS GUNNAR BRANDER. Bankside, St Margaret's Farm, South Darenth

Central Statistical Office 'estimates'

From Mr B. J. Wratten Sir, Payments in the black economy are bound by their nature to be unrecorded, and there is no reason to believe that the Central Statistical Office estimate that these pay-ments amount to "little more than 31 per cent of the total national economy (Business national economy (susiness News, March 5) is more reliable than the "7½ per cent of gross domestic product" estimated by Sir William Pile when he was chairman of the Inland Revenue.

Few of us regard the filling in

even in the long run.

The debate is, of course, really between the fundament-

ally opposed political philo-sophies of collectivism versus individualism. Tory and Labour represent the former, in the

shape of hierarchical inequality, an egalitarismism, respectively, whereas Liberals, in the Ben-thamite sense (like Margaret Thatcher) preach the latter.

The decision we have to make (collectively!) is how we can, to the benefit of all utilize most effectively the efforts of the individual to further his own ends.

our favourite exercise, and we feel no strong urge to ensure the accuracy of government statistics, particularly when a fully revealing answer to the question, "How much did you spend on...?" might point to undercover receipts of our own

Unnecessary

Sir, Should not alcohol and tobacco be removed from the list of commodities considered Its of commodifies considered to constitute the cost of living? They are not necessary for life, and it is increasingly agreed that they are a danger to health. If they were excluded, how much difference would it make to the inflation figure? And, even more interesting, how would that figure have looked over the past 10 years if they over the past 10 years if they had been excluded?

Furthermore, the prices of these commodities go up arbit-rarily in that Chancellors of the Exchequer use them for increasing revenue, so that they add an arbitrary element to the apparent cost of living.

Ought not the Chancellor to consider this? You would render a service if you would ascertain and publish the figures. Yours etc., P. C. BAYLEY 107 North Street, St. Andrews,

which have been omitted from the income side of the same form. Yet the CSO, apparently relies on these answers in com-

piling its estimate. The CSO has an honourable record of publishing figures unbiased by political influence, and this reputation has only been slightly dented by its unformunate aquiescence in the introduction last year of the tax and price index for current political motives. But we should be wary of assuming that this gives special credence to its "estimate" in a sphere where the term "anybody's guess" would be more fitting. Yours faithfully, BASIL J. WRATTEN Chells, Hackwood Road, Basingstoke,

Farming support From Mr Wynne Godley

Sir, In his letter about the cost of EEC membership, Mr Howell (Business News March ?) incorrectly treats the decline in support for British agriculture from the Exchequer as an offfrom the Exchequer as an off-set to the net contribution we as a country make to the EEC budget. He has ignored the fact that during the period covered by his figures Britain has moved from a system under which our agriculture is sup-ported by the taxpayer via the Exchequer to one under which

ported by the faxpayer via the Exchequer to one under which it is supported directly by the consumer. The decline in the cost of support of British agriculture by the Exchequer has in fact been much more than offset by an increase in the cost to the consumer which Mr Howell's figures do not show. Yours faithfully.

WYNNE CODLEY. Department of Applied Sidgwick Avenue Cambridge CB3 9DE.

that economy is self regulating From Mr Frank Hahn and Mr man who, in answering some Letters, February 27), having colleagues of ours in agreed that unemployment your columns, wrote: "The not all caused by works article (February 25), Professor Friedman (March 3) first accuses us for some reason quite beyond us, of writing about the "Phillips Curve" (to which we made no reference, goes from money to prices we made being too high. His all the real ways being too high. (other than those changed jobs) refusing employment is cause they think the real way is too low, goes on many that it is caused by the it wage being too high. His an ment, however, does not be critical analysis. The fact it material and fuel price if relative to the price of fault goods does not mean that the is a lowering of "the mars' is a lowering of the mars'. the quantity of money is for a year ending six months earlier than the year to which the matching price index corresponds? We can find no indication, however, as to which is a lowering of "the marginered to the marginered to the going own in the country of the countr

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Monetarism: no basis for theory

are told that "on most of the charts the number plotted for

chart has a lag in it and which

But, even so, what can we learn from the charts? First,

the time lag between money per

unit of output and prices in the

list of propositions Professor Friedman invited us to refute is

two years, whereas in the book

he uses nil or six months. Hence, if the charts were to

show the association for which he makes such strong claims in his book, he would, on his own

evidence, have met the chal-

In fact, the charts show that money per unit of output and prices both have a strong up-

ward trend, as we would expect.

That proves nothing. Turning

points are what matter—though the reader is not told that. In

fact, they are few and an association between the turning

points in the two sets of figures

Of course, we accept the pro-position, at the heart of the quantity theory of money, that

if we compare two economies which are exactly alike except that the quantity of money in one is half that in the other,

then if money wages and prices

and expected money wages and prices, are also half, and we can

ignore redistributions between

debtors and creditors, people in the two economies will be in

exactly the same real position. But no causal law flows from

lenge he made to us.

wholly unclear.

does not

duct' real wage".
To take an example in exday terms, the recent rise the price of gold may have to a less than proportion rise in the price of finity jewellery, since goldson wages have risen far less the price of gold. But that the price of gold. But that the mean that the value was that the relationship is the price of gold. not mean that the value to employer of an extra ho work by a goldsmith mal jewellery has fallen in the terms, let alone that is fallen relative to the green reduced amount of gold in lery that the worker could with his wage. Professor nard's other points have dealt with by Professor T wall (Business Letters

ruary 29).
We concluded that are neither theoretical for the monetarists propos that the real economy is regulating and that activity employment can be relief to recover automatically the present fiscal and mon squeeze. This exchang opinious has not dimin our confidence in that

Yours faithfully. FRANK HAHN, ROBERT NEILD. Faculty Board of Economic and Politics. University of Cambridge. Sidgwich Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DD.

Reaction to safety factors

From Mr G. Gouvras Sir, Professor G. Ronald bridge and others (Mar propose the adoption i United Kingdom of advanced gas-cooled r system (AGR) for safet economic reasons. Ho their letter contains c errors, which unfortunate not help proving the cathe AGRs.

Although AGRs are ently safer than press water reactors (PWRs), statement that the critica moderator turns to ste incorrect. Their claim of a thermal efficiency of bar per cent (supported by ence to a letter by Mr Powys-Lybbe on Decemb is also incorrect—in the tries of the EEC, for ex the operating achieved during 1978 a tl efficiency exceeding 3 cent, with the rest figures above 30 per refuelling is taken into ac By contrast our AGI-Hinkley Point B and F ston attained 34.8 per ce 36 per cent respectively the same year, well below design efficiency. If on siders other important as wel, such as load energy availability facto time utilization factor th picture is totally rever-favour of the PWRs.

With regard to capita it would be easier to e the figure for a PWR b British safety standards provide a minimum fig an AGR. It is also very that the last figure will Yours faithfully, G. GOUVRAS,

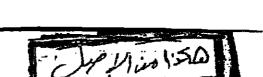
35 Lawrence Road, Pinner. March 7, An asset

to a block of flats From Mr C. B. Tonkin Sir. I should like to re the article by Mr Rona

ing in your issue dated rusary 2, concerning less In that article be comment on the dangers face an incoming tent relation to the level of charges that may be p. What he does not say, ever, is that the pruden chaser should ensure the building in which he is to buy his flat has the i of a reserve or sustains f order that he does not part of the article.

A properly constressive fund which is hear independent trustee asset to a block of flattects the lesses from an annual service charge on a graph would look roller coaster and inva-means that the building a maintained and repair regular intervals.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

ICI underlines the difficulty

ream of bleak company news; a tale of arply falling profits, of the struggle to aintain dividends or the acceptance that ey must be cut: With forecasters predictg a non-oil corporate sector deficit of up E7,000m this year, this of course is only e beginning. What is clear though is that e recession is not only underway, it is eady there in the company sector for all

ICI's 1979 accounts, for example, highthis just how heavily it is banking on an provement in profitability from the excted upturn in the chemicals cycle in a ar or so to restore the balance sheet to

previous strength.

Having steadily built-up its resources in a mid-1970s after the heavy spending at e end of the 1960s had put some strain on cash position, the last couple of years ve seen a sharp deterioration with net uid funds of £550m at the end of 1977 rindling to only £139m by end-1979 after urther £256m fall during the year. Indeed cash outflow is even more serious with £127m rise in net long-term borrowings shing it up to £383m getting on for uble the level of the previous year.

Clearly IETs heavy capital spending of it short of £2,000m in 1977-79, which for respective is not far short of the group's rket capitalization, is the major reason this. That has now peaked with spend-; last year at £760m and sanctions curtely running almost a third below 1978. 1552m. But the rise in oil prices, with related costs one way or another soaking a fifth of the group's overall sales inne, is putting heavy pressure on working sital which went up almost a quarter or i2m last year, compared with only £62m

for the moment ICI can live off the far of lier years and long-term borrowings to sital employed of 30 per cent gives it nty of leeway should the chemical cycle e longer to improve than it is currently

CI is also concerned about its inadequate urn on capital for the same reasons with ained profits and depreciation amounting 1:0-:808m a long way short of capital spendand higher working capital.

Although this rose 1.8 points to 15.2 per t in historical terms, the current cost un dropped by a fifth to 4.6 per cent the CCA dividend cover is still a com able two times. All in all ICFs balance et is a disturbing pointer to what seems ly to happen to less well-managed parts British industry,

is year,

re have been so many false dawns at alworth that yesterday's better than ected results are unlikely to change of the night the pedestrian image of the 1p. Woolworth can hardly be faulted for ng to improve its lacklustre performance

r the past several years.
. has tried to alter the sales mix, revamp es, close down small ones to concentrate the bigger units, has gone into the hyperket business. It has also moved into de in the hopes of catching some of the ermarkets glamour, a business it is proud sulling out now. Nothing has yet worked hange the image significantly...-

rofits for the year to January are up a £53m to £57m on sales which had n from £823m to £888m leaving margins the year virtually intact at 6.4 per cent. the significant point is the improvement the fourth quarter after a disastrous of quarter. Profits in the past quarter a £34m on sales of £288m indicating, up 11.1 per cent to 11.7 per cent, ificant achievement for a group of that

he change in sales mix and buoyant s in such items as clothing, toys, lery and horriculture probably account the improvement. Looking ahead is cult. Wages in this labour intensive ness are set to rise by over 20 per cent he second and third quarters and no one predict how the recession will hit ilworth...

nuity prices fell back sharply yesterday. The shares at 70p are on a p/e ratio of in the reason is not hard to find—a steady 9.7 and yield 10 per cent. The asset backing 9.7 and yield 10 per cent. The asset backing is 145p and there is always the possibility of some restructuring of the group. A takeover of the American parent, the sale of control of the British company and other alternatives have all been mooted over the years. One day something may happen; meanwhile the shares are a safe hold.

Who wants trouble?

Is someone—ITT perhaps—stalking BSR? The answer, in spite of rumours in the stock market, is probably not. Or, rather, if they are it is hard to see why. BSR's latest annual figures are dreadful; profits before extraordinary charges are down from £8.9m to £3.9m, and the dividend has been cut by nearly 50 per cent. But this is not a familiar story of management ineptitude. BSR's management is by all accounts sound, though beleagured.

The mistake of failing to diversify out of consumer products was made some time ago, so BSR must learn to live with a product range that by its nature will be at the mercy of any recession and at the whim of currency fluctuations. These factors came into play last year. Demand for record changers, the product which created BSR as a growth company ten years ago, was poor in the United States, a problem compounded by the strength of sterling against the dollar. In another important market, Japan, the yen was weak. That meant cheaper built in Japanese sound

reproduction equipment.

Who wants trouble like this at a price of around £50m? BSR must learn to live with the fact that it is an ex-growth company with deteriorating balance sheet (borrowings have probably risen from around £4m) to £20m as a result of last year's trauma) and there is still no real case for holding the shares at 34p, yielding nearly 12 per

Turner & Newall -

The Rhodesian gamble

Turner & Newall's second-half results are hair-raising Profits fell over £10m short in their of budget, leaving full-year profits down by 31 per cent to £27.5m. Even a maintained but short-earned dividend—as indicated at the interim stage—failed to stop the shares slipping 16p to 110p where the yield is well up in the danger zone at 14.9

Strikes cost £5m; strong sterling a further £4m and higher interest rates on swollen debt raised charges by two-thirds

have been covered by pre-tax profits which

Slipped into single figures.

The decision to hold the dividend, says chairman Mr Stephen Gibbs, "indicates ronfidence in the future." It is certainly Foreign exchange markets are a gamble; both on recovery in the United Kingdom, which caused the problems last year, and of course on Rhodesia.

Rhodesia apart, hopes for 1980 rest on rationalization and heavy spending bearing fruit; £45m of new plant has come on in the past six months: £30m was in the United Kingdom. Moreover, because all the tax except ACT and all minorities (£4.2m in 1979) relate to overseas profits, any increase in the United Kingdom will feed straight through to earnings.
But even if profits recover to the 1978

level of around £40m—and this could prove optimistic given the steel strike and looming recession—the fully-taxed p/e ratio would still be a demanding 8 or so.

So the crux is Rhodesia. Forecast profits of £12m from here in 1980 would reduce the p/e ratio to perhaps 5.7 while net assets of £92m would transform the balance-sheet where a 50 per cent rise in net debt has left T & N 54 per cent geared. The potential locked up in the self-financing Rhodesian subsidiary could be considerable. If Mr Mugabe smiles, T & N could prove a

Economic notebook

One cheer for the EMS

The European monetary system, the EMS would not have been which is one year old today, possible without an ideological has on the face of it outperformed the expectations of its most confirmed supporters.

Exchange rate relations bet-ween EEC countries were more stable in 1979 than in any year since 1972. As the European Commission has reported, the average change in member states exchange rates visà-vis the European currency unit, the weighted basket of EEC currencies that is the denominator of the system, fell to 1.9 per cent last year compared with 5.2 per cent in the average of the six preceding years.

The finance ministers of the eight countries participating in the EMS have shown themselves capable of adjusting the central rates that link the member currenties without devaluing the idea of more stable exchange rates. So far there have been no drop outs from the EMS in contrast to its predecessor, the European currency "snake".

European curvency "snake".

So why only one cheer for the EMS? Has it not achieved all that the European Council wished for when it concluded in Bremen in July 1978, that a "scheme for the creation of a closer monetary cooperation leading to a zone of monetary stability in Europe" was a "highly desirable objective"? Do not its first 366 days make it the "durable and effective it the "durable and effective scheme" envisaged by the EEC heads of government 20 months

ago?
There are at least two main objections. First, exchange rate stability is not the same as monetary stability. Second, the real motive for setting up and operating the EMS is

as obscure as ever.

When the EMS was being negotiated in the second half of 1978, critics argued that the cheme set out to put the cart before the horse: that by equating exchange rate stability with monetary stability, its authors were programming its

eventual collapse.

The ability of the EMS to survive a year has done nothing to silence this criticism. During the period of relative calm on European exchange markets, the individual European economies have begun once more to diverge in terms of performance, and nowhere more clearly than in their ability to handle infla-

Inflation

In 1978 there was a gap of 10.1 percentage points between the highest rate of inflation in the EEC (Italy's) and the lowest (West Germany's). Last year the gap widened to 10.9 points. This year the differ-

fashion conscious. Last year, balance of payments considera-tions helped to keep the EMS together. The strong surpluses of Italy and France in their current accounts resulted in an altogether unexpected show of strength by the lire and the French franc, while West Ger-many's shift into deficit helped hold down the Deutsche mark This year, with a clearer difference between single and double digit inflation countries in the EEC, current account deficits nearly everywhere and Germany's further deterioration

on current account fully dis-counted currency markets could again react with greater sensitivity to inflation rate differ-The system has yet to be seriously tested. When it is questions will be asked about its

purpose. Then the obscurity of ideas behind the scheme could become a serious handicap to

impulse behind it, it is a product of pragmatic men. Florence speech of Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Commis-sion, calling for a renewal of the tary union in Europe in Octoher, 1977, may well have been instrumental in guiding the thoughts of Herr Helmut Schmidt the German Chancellor, and President Giscard, d'Estaing France towards monetary But the resolution of the European Council of December

1978, which agreed to the terms

of the first stage of the EMS,

is a nuts and bolts affair, a catalogue of technical jargon

about European Currency Units, central rates, intervention mea-sures, financial assistance and the like.

Difficult negotiations

negotiation it was never easy to work out quite what Herr Schmidt and President Giscard wanted from the EMS. The claims made for the system oscillated between the poetic and the prosaic. The inglorious start of the EMS, held up by France for 11 weeks, was fol-lowed by a lengthy silence from Paris and Bonn that suggested that the two authors of the EMS had lost interest in their

However, recent indications from Bonn suggest that Herr Schmidt is trying to revive the political element in the EMS, while for some months there has been a vague promise that President Giscard is planning a monetary initiative for this year's world economic summit in Venice.

The German Chancelior's ap-proach to Britain to reconsider membership of the exchange rate system is one pointer. Dur ing his visit to Brussels in February, he managed to persuade the sceptical Belgians that he was committed to the system. It can be argued that the Franco-German decision to defer work on the second stage of the EMS until next year was received by the decision. motivated by a desire on the part of both governments to see the system succeed and set proper conditions for its fur-ther development beyond the present primarily technical

With the West German and French elections out of the way, Bonn and Paris (assuming the present governments are confirmed in power) could provide the same input of effort in establishing the planned Euro-pean Monetary Fund and turn-ing the European Currency Unit into a true reserve asset as they did in forming the present ex-

se straws, if they do repare of vital relevance to Britain when considering whether sterling should join the ex-change rate regime. Full British membership of the EMS could involve a commitment of far greater importance than the present desire to hold down the sterling exchange rate. We shall probably have to

wait for a severe market test of the EMS to assess what exactly the present participants see in the scheme. A test by markets should show whether the politicians are prepared to subordinate national policies to the EMS and so bring economic and monetary union that little bit nearer to the realms of possibility, or whether the same national priorities will apply that truncated the old European currency "snake" and turned a Deutsche mark currency block.

Peter Norman

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Mr Dennis Norman (left) and Mr David Smith, respectively Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Commerce in the new Zimbabwe Cabinet.

The problems facing Mr Mugabe's team

Salisbury

Rhodesian whites expressed relief when the announcement of the new Zimbabwean cabinet included the Rhodesian Front's Mr David Smith as Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Mr Denis Norman, President of the

Commercial Farmers Union, as Minister of Agriculture. The whites completely control the economy, one which is export orientated, capital inten-sive and dependent upon foreign finance and markets—

and, of course, until now, on cheap labour.

But this situation will change and these status quo appointments must be seen as a holding eperation, to kindle white confidence. The emphasis of economic policy and strategy lies elsewhere.
An Economic Planning Minis-

try has been created. It will be the focal point of the broader economic strategy. Among its priorities will be the land ques-tion, the redistribution of wages and access for blacks to all social services, from education and health to transport and

and health to transport and social security.

The most urgent of these, both politically and economically, is land. The racial division of land goes back to the conquest by the British South Africa Company in the 1890s. In 1898 an order in council allocated land for white settlecated land for white settle-

The total land area is 96.4 million acres, of which 45 million acres each were set aside for whites and blacks despite the disparities in population. Blacks outnumbered whites by 20 to one at the time of Uni-lateral Declaration of Independence. Today the ratio is 25 to Dr Ahrn Palley, a well known

Zimbabwean political personality, says that it will not be as costly to redistribute land fairly, as calculations made by some in Rhodesia was determined by economists suggest. "In the pattern of land redistribute to keep many White farmers on the land, and they have been important for the new governsubsidized by massive cheap loans to the extent of R\$69,050,000 and many have foreigners invested about R\$30m been allowed to default. This is a year in Rhodesia but by the might, but the government is a factory foreigners invested about R\$30m a f

Ruth Weiss

Applying ordinary commercial procedures would make this land available for blacks."

The Agricultural Finance Corporation's 1979 report backs up Dr Palley's argument: It states that bad and doubtful debts amount to 24.6 per cent of income. Inefficient white farmers are now likely to be penal-

ized.

There are about 6,000 white farmers. Some of them are absentee landlords, a fact which creates enormous political re-sentment. These include the vast foreign owned estates belonging to British and South African corporations such as Anglo American, Lonrho, Anglo American, Lonrho, Rhodesian Corporation and Liebiegs.

As a result of the war, a large number of farms have been abandoned in such areas as Chipinga, Bindura and on the mode the eastern border. These hand in a spreads together with under-tribution. utilized land, will become available for redistribution to African farmers at comparatively low cost to government.

About one million people have become displaced by the war. It is the new government's priority to resettle the refugees, those now in neighbouring countries and those who squat in urban slums. Certainly about 40 per cent of rural African males between 13 and 30 are without land, as Mr Roger C.

Riddell, an economist of the Catholic Institute for International Relations, points out. But arrangements can be made without, as has been suggested in some quarters, taking over some 75 per cent of white The pattern of the economy

in Rhodesia was determined by the pattern of land redistribu-

a far cry from economic farm- beginning of 1975, because of already acutely aware of the ing, in fact it is subsidized land the war, the oil crisis and the high expectations of its settlement for the whites, world recession, the Rhodesian electorate.

economy was under serious pressure. The Smith Govern-ment had to borrow heavily to pay for the war and for the 1979 fiscal year a borrowing of R\$454m had been estimated, around 42 per cent of current expenditure. Mr Riddell says that "Rhodesia has been bor-rowing about R5400m a year from South Africa". This is only part of Rhodesia's secret public debt. The war destroyed public debt. The war destroyed much of the infrastructure and utterly disrupted the rural

economy. The priorities for the new government therefore are mapped out, to reorientate the economy and integrate into it purely peasant, black,

economy.

Society as a whole needs to be restructured. This will be a slow process and cannot for some time include nationaliza-tion of the private sector. Skills must be quickly promoted among the black population while the creation of jobs in the modern economy must go hand in hand with land redis-

Prime Minister Mr Robert Mugabe has already said that the nucleus of collective farming exists within African society. Zimbabwe's tribal trust land is communally held. The sold. The owner has usage in his lifetime but no title. In the ment because this land could not be mortgaged. In future, access to loans, extension services, and markets will help in the transformation.

Another problem which the new government will have to tackle is: wage differentials. In 1977 average black wages were RS589 a year, that is 10 per cent of average white wages of RS6,155 a year. Rhodesia's chronic unemployment and underemployment has been among the black not the white

Business Diary: Keeping 'em down on the farm

enis Norman, the white who be Minister of Agriculture lobert Mugabe's new Zimve Government, looks and ds like the English farmer

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s heavy dark suits more
opriste to misty English
ungs rather than Zim-

ve's heat, nman president of the te) Commercial Farmers' n for the past two years, obably as surprised as any by his appointment. The be heard about it was on owners of any they wish to take day night when he was further noned to Government. The business is based on the party by Lord Soames, the savings of two mums, Jo Kloss, the business is based on the savings of two mums, Jo Kloss, d like him to take over

intment. He has been out subject of inquent. He day been subject subject to the farmers union. He it is five years now since not only discouraged many the Equal Pay Act came into farmers from quitting the full force—if that's the word—farmers from quitting the full force—if that's the word not only discouraged many farmers from quitting the

shally hir by the war. He ing four member countries being foreign investment. Belgam, Lunemburg, the is already talking to our Netherlands and wait for it, the United Kingdom for alleged with a mall or with private information of a Communication. and the rejuveration of six as well as with private infringements of a Community exts in Europe and the directive on equal pay.

The second biggest grouse of housebuyers after conveyancing fees seems to be under attack, though the "villains" of the piece, estate agents and surveyors, are so far unflus-

tered.
The Property Shop, which opens next week in Edgware, Middleser, is in the various in Middlesex, is in the vanguar a of a do-it gourself movement in property selling. Sellers simply pay £46 for a month's display of their home among the shop's closey photos and inclusion in local paper adverts; would be buyers purchase details of the properties they are interested. properties they are interested in for 10p and ring up the

te by Lord Soames, the savings of two mums, Jo Kloss, smor, and told that Mugabe. 32, and Barbara Morris, 34. Jo Kloss told Business

hites, farmer and non Women are beginning to ers, are ecstatic at his come back into fashion as a conversation in

try as the war worsened, in this country, and this with has led a steady growth in the Sex Discrimination (Removal) Act of the same year was followed by a sort of public year.

But lo I the European Commend of the reservement of public years. mission in Brussels is carpet-

ed States. The commission is not happy nor managem remain is determined that with our Equal Pay Act, Overton new Zimbabwe should re-because under it, a woman-or Moves self-cufficient in food, and a man cannot claim equal isses what he preaches, pay for work of equal value ing maize and cattle at inless there is a job evaluation. system where he or she works. ference in Brighton



Diary: " I feel we will be offering a service to a large sector of the market, Unless you are interested in a £100,000 property in Landon, all estate

The CBI is chasing the ladies this year, following a lamentable performance for an allegedly go-shead mutit when at last November's acquai conference only one woman was

able or willing to speak.

This was Daphne Bampton,
chairman and managing director of Bampton Brothers, (yes, brothers) specialists in motor repairs and "body conversion": The CBI made up ground this january with a ghetro-style conference on "Economic Realities—The Woman's Role". This rime there were addresses by such non-CBI members as the designer Thea Porter and management consultants Elea-

nor MacDonald and Mary Moves are afont, I understand, to get these ladies to enrol with the CBI and deliver



Barbara Morris

agents give you are a couple of bits of paper and you end up making your own phone calls anyway. And they charge you a lot of money for that."

Walter Goldsmith, the new director general of the Institute of Directors, is losing no time in puring into practice his theories about making directors more professional. He has linked th constitute with a professional management consultancy, Tyzack & Parmers, to upgrade non-executive directors:

10D will match members willing to serve on non-executives with likely companies seeking in the United States they were to extend their boards. The over \$1,000m. He omitted to service, which extends a facility service, winch extense a separately by already offered separately by bothe organizations, operate on a 50:50 basis.

The fee, which could amount to year's salary, will be split down the middle. A consultancy service to accurinize the requirements of individual companies will also be offered.

• The next seat to be vacated in the Treasury's game of musical chairs, I hear, will be that of James Shepherd, at present in charge of shortterm economic forecasts.

Shepherd, an under-secretary in the Government Economic Service, is to move sideweys to the Department of Industry, replacing Eric Price as one of the two economist under-secretaries reporting to Hens Liesner, the head of economic and statistics in the Department of Industry. Price will go to the Department of Energy. Shepherd, agreed by col-leagues to be a farst class onomist, has suffered from the appointment of an outsider er than himself and with very different economic vie

Economic Adviser. Shepherd leaves having produced the Treasury's most for. It will not see the light of day as ministers have decided that they are too bad to be

the Government's Chief

Sir Maurice Hodgson, chairma ICI, gesterday listed three "milestones" passed by the company in 1979. For the first time exports topped £1,000m; sales in continental West Europe exceeded £1,000m, and mention the passing of yet another milestone. For the first time directors emoluments were above £1m. Altogether the 21 directors received £1,189,000 —up from £947,000 in 1978. Sir Maurice's whack was £124,380, up from £106,587.

Ross Davies

WOOLWORTH Annual Results

Year ended 31 January 1980

	Year Ended 31 January 1980 1979 2000s 2000s
TURNOVER (including value added tax) Deduct: Value added tax	977,995 875,185 (89,847) (51,793)
TURNOVER (excluding value added tax)	888,148 823,392
TRADING PROFIT Deduct: Depreciation Interest paid less received Add: Rent income Surplus on property disposals,	74,244 64,474 (10,295) (8,475) (9,208) (4,834) 1,693 1,442
excluding sale and leasebacks PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION Taxation	<u>819</u> <u>497</u> 57,253 53,104 (15,708) (12,584)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION Deduct: Foreign currency differences Add: Extraordinary items	41,545 40,528 (754) (357) — (781)
PROFIT FOR YEAR	40,781 39,382
EARNINGS per Ordinary Stock Unit of 25p	10.99p 10.72p

- Due to the considerable rise in the standard rate of Value Added Tax with effect from 23 June 1979, any comparison of turnover is best made on an ex-VAT basis. Turnover at £888 million for the year is a rise of 7.9%; in the important fourth quarter, it amounted to £288 million which is an increase of 8.7% over last year.
- Trading profit at £74.2 million was 15.2% higher than the previous year and this improvement was due mainly to changes in merchandise mix coupled with good control of
- The higher charge for depreciation includes property depreciation of £4.4 million (1979) £2.7 million). Interest costs are £4.4 million greater than last year due more to rises in U.K. interest rates than to increases in average borrowings.
- Given the economic uncertainties and inflationary pressures likely to obtain during 1980, it is difficult to predict the rate of activity for the retailing trade. In the current financial year therefore, the Company's results for the first six months are unlikely to show an improvement over those of the corresponding period in the last year, any gains will probably occur in the second half of the year.

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The Directors are proposing a final dividend for the year of 3,5695p (1979 3,245p) per stock

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Overheads cut into UCM margins

By Michael Prest
United City Merchants, the international trading, timber and leather group, saw its pretax profits rise only slightly to £2.05m as overheads rose steeply in the first half to the end of December. But turnover rose rapidly to £107m from £78.4m in the same period of the previous year.

the previous year.

Mr Eric Sosnow. UCM's chairman and a major share-holder, said that increases in wages, rents, power and par-ticularly interest rates had cut into margins. These now ran at about 2! per cent. The strength of sterling had exaggerated the

But he emphasized that the the liberal dividend policy declared in the last annual report. The interim payout was raised

Business

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optimistic that construction demand and the world shortage of wood must mean steady growth in the future.

In support of his contention Pharoah Gane, a timber trade wholly owned by UCM, increased its pretax profits from £269,000 to £375,000 over the same period. Like UCM as a whole, however, turnover also rose sharply, to £561.1m from £33.8m.

Another important 2002.

Another important area is leather manufacturing. Here Mr Sosnow has repeatedly joined the refrain against cheap imports. One of UCM's main

Gordon Woodroffe, another leather manufacturer. Although the company no longer has con-trol of the Indian enterprise, it is still a substantial minority holder.

Mr Sosnow points out that UCM is vulnerable to high interest rates because as a trader the company's stocks must be financed and a delay in nament by a customer immediately increases the bill. While hoping that interest rates may be reduced later in the year, he delay the present half. admits that the present half

So per cent to 0.857p gross. Earnings per share before conversion of the loan stock were 2.7p.

One of the company's main activities is timber importing and merchanting. Mr Sosnow is optimistic that construction demand and the world shortage of wood must mean steady

companies in this field is stimpled from £267,000 to £195,000. Turnover rose by £195,000. Turnover rose by £195,000 to £4.11m.

Last year UCM reached and the world shortage of india on the Indianization of £190.2m, while Europe, Africa, the Far East and other regions. heading of international mer-chants, agents and bankers the United Kingdom contributed E90.2m, while Europe, Africa, the Far East and other regions put in £41.2m under the same head. In leather manufacturing, the United Kingdom provided £9.37m and India £3.36m.

These proportions seem to be fairly constant, though pressure on the leather business could cause it to fall as a proportion. Full-year pretax profits in 1979. were.£3.30m. The tax charge in the most recent half was £1.05m. only a little more than in the same period of the previous

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PRELIMINARY AUDITED FINAL STATEMENT AND DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER, 1979

Revenue	Year ended 31st December, 1979 US \$000	Year ended 31st December, 1978 . US\$000
Oil and gas revenue Other	16,709 335	13,808 +21% 140
· <u>,</u>	17,044	13.948
Income before income tax. Provision for Australian income tax	10,394 3,583	7.649 2,615
Netincome	6,811	5.034 +35%
Nictincome per ordinary and ordinary share equivalent	\$.14	S.10
Average number of ordinary and ordinary share equivalents outstanding in thousands	49,194	48,206

Interest paid, including bank overdraft interest, was US\$1.307 million (1978 US\$1.332 million).
 Depletion, depreciation and amortisation amounted to US\$2.316 million (1978 US\$2.196 million).

A dividend in respect of 1979 of 3.15 Australian cents per share (1978 3.15 Australian cents per share) has been paid to holders of the convertible preferred ordinary shares. The directors do not intend to recommend a dividend on the ordinary shares (1978 nil).

Stock markets

Sharp setbacks among leaders

Dealers had a nervous time on the market yesterday as the gloom and despondency which had threatened all week suddenly broke loose.

After a fairly confident start, which saw one or two small buyers about, sentiment began to take a turn for the worse. The continued absence of any institutional buying as a result of the weakness in oils and gold shares had jobbers worried. Prices were soon being marked selling, but in the event none appeared.

However, further concern

over the fast-approaching Bud-set and the failure of any new developments in the steel strike talks only made matters worse. But it was disappointing figures from Turner & Newall, which pushed the shares down 16p to 110p, and the bearish annual report from ICI which finally put the damper on things.

As a result most of the industrial leaders suffered sharp serbacks. ICI tumbled 10p to 362p on the annual report which said that the group was not generating enough cash to support further investment This immediately sparked speculation that the group might be considering a rights issue as a

way out.
One jobber commented that the last time the group had a rights issue was when interest rates had reached a peak and there could now be a repetition. Falls of 5p were seen in Unilever at 435p, Pilkington Bros at 215p with Beechams closing 4p easier at 121p.
Elsewhere, the falls were held to just 2p or 3p as in the case Fisons at 282p, Courtaulds at 68p, Dunlop at 60p, and BAT's at 236p.

The net result of the markdown among the leaders was a there could now be a repetition.

down among the leaders was a fall in the FT index of 10.7 to the biggest fall in one day since January 29.

following the mixed press re-ception to the banking figures on Tuesday and as a result could only do enough to mark-time, a condition most jobbers expect to last until after the Budget, with the earliest cut in

of April.
So, after the dullest session in quite some time, prices were showing mostly unchanged through the list.

Gold shares made some attempt at a rally to stop the rot of the previous day. Buying at the lower levels, with some good orders from the Cape and Europe, provided most of the

A shift in attitude towards their independence may be brewing in the Gestetner family which held a meeting this week with major shoreholders, including Unilever's USF Nominees which hold 32 per cent of the group. Foreign predators are perhaps casting eyes anew at the group after last week's CIT Alcatel takeover of Roneo Vickers. The shares were unchanged at 76p.

interest as the bullion price recovered \$19 to \$587.50 an ounce. At the dearer end of the market, Anglo American Gold climbed \$2½ to \$79 followed by St Helena \$4½ to \$35½ and Buffelsfontein \$2½ to \$312.

Among the cheaper issues, Middle Witts closed firm at 460p, as Blyvoors rose \$11 to S13 and Venterspost increased by S; to S121. The London mining finance houses, which had taken the full force of the previous day's

rout, were steadier but showed n oreal improvement. Consolidated Gold Fields remained unchanged at 498p, with RTZ 1p harder at 386p and De Beers D'fd \$3/16 better at \$9 11/16. In precious metals, Rustenburg improvements of the statement of t

proved 5p to 255p.
Oils had a steadier time than

Latest results

late, although some selling majors. The decision by a major buyer in the United States to get out and take his profits had left its mark. So BP, reporting today, shed another 8p to 352p while Ultramar dipped 13p to 485p and Shell eased 6p to 376p. Lasmo at 448p, Burman at MLR predicted around the end

211p and Tricentrol at 288p, were a weak market with falls ranging between 6p and 10u. Further consideration of Sun's shares made some bid for Viking lifted the laster another 38p to 1,028p but the decision to call on shareholders

fo r£16.4m cost Aran Energy 16p to 354p. Siebens, a weak market of late on fears of a dry well, after hours 52p to 620p. News International's decision

perked up yesterday, rising in to sell its stake in London Weekend Television late on Tuesday, despite earlier denials in the market was not well received, and 12p was knocked from the latter at 123p. Shares of London & Provin-

cial Poster returned from sus-pension a staggering 187p up at 475p following the recently agreed bid from Reed International, 2p lower at 193p. This, in turn, provided interest in More O'Ferrall, 19p higher at 140p and Mills & Allen rose 8p to 316p.

316p.
Terms fof the agreed bid for W. E. Turner, suspended at 49p, of 87p a share clipped 2p from J. Hepworth at 1061p. But fading bid hopes cut 6p from Peters Stores at 65p. Other speculative issues included E. J. Riley up 4p at 57p and J. O. Walker 8p stronger at 112p in a thin market.

The failure of Ladbroke's

appeal to regain its gambling licence sent the shares 2p lower at 144p, with Coral Leisure, also with problems in tow, 1p

off at 77p.

Hopes that C. Y. Tung might extend its bid, lifted Furness Withy 2p to 373p, but profit-

The barish market condition have also been felt by the ich bers with Smith Bros falling

Among companies reporting BSR held steady at 34p folicing full-year figures as bad expected, but Maynards treated 2p to 134p, while May fort put on 1p at 89p.

In stores, the full-year figur from F. W. Woolworth he the most attention, with figure at the upper end of most pectations. The shares directed to the metal to the me

Some 20 million shares retailing group Sears Holdis were placed in the market is terday at 37 1-32p. The sha which amount to 2.2 per co of the company are though have come from the Clifamily. The price last night t

down 1_2p at 37_2p . 4p to 146p after some spective buying, but Status]

cepient of a bid from) was unchanged at 71p. Electricals had another

pressing time- and although the little selling was again ported the second liners of under some heavy press Racal remained on a ledge as the share price do another 1p to 208p—8p the danger level when D shareholders would be for to take cash for their sh GEC eased another 5p to 3 but speculative interest boo MAM's 4p to 140p and K head 2p to 190p. Hoover mained confident followin quietly optimistic annual ort, rising 5p to 140p. With still no firm solt to the end of the steel so

engineers began to drift (was 5p lower despite a m overseas contract and N Box at 250p and Tubes at 2 were both 4p off. Properties came in for p taking after Tuesday's rail

the back of hopes of a ca interest rates. Land Secur slipped 5p to 297p, Haseh 2p to 306p, Gt Portland 9 227p and MEPC 5p to 1 Equity turnover on M 11 was £85.269m (14,702 gains). Active stocks 50 day, according to the Exch Telegraph, were RTZ, Shell, BP, Grand Metropo Rank, Mills & Allen, Pi

Company Int or Fin ESR (F) Lambert Howarth (F) Mayards (I) Montfort (Knit) (F) Utd Cty Merchts (I T Robinson (F) Rea Bros (F) Turner & Newall (F) H Woodward (F) Woolworth (F)	24.1(21.6)) 11.9(10.0)) 106.6(78.4) 9.7(7.7)	Profits £m 3.3(8.9) 15.0(14.1) 1.6(1.2) 0.9(0.5) 2.01(1.9) 1.2(1.0) 0.60*(0.45) 27.5(39.7) 0.43(0.55) 57.2(53.1)	Earnings per share 3.7(10.04) 12.6(10.6) —(—) 25.9(15.2) 2.7(—) 14.2(15.7) —(—) 6.29(17.4) 11.15(19.6)	Div pence 1.4(3.91) 2.9(2.5) 7.5(5.8) 5.7(2.8) 0.6(0.45) 4.0(2.9) 1.2(0.92) 7.0(7.0) 1.7(1.55) 3.5(3.2)	15/S — 3/7	Year's total 2.8(5.3) 4.0(3.5) -(-) 7.0(3.9) -(1.93) 4.8(3.8) 2.0(1.6) 11.5(11.5) 2.2(2.0) 4.9(4.4)
Dividends in this tab shown on a gross bas earnings are net. *=	sis. To establish	gross multiply th	e per share. Els e net dividend t	ewhere in Busine by 1.428. Profits	ess News are show	dividends are n pre-tax and

Briefly

Crouch: Mr D. C., chairman, reports in annual statement that he expects the current year will produce "satisfactory profits", bearing in mind the difficulties facing in-

dustry as a whole.
Firness Withy: Dolphin Investments has bought 251,250 shares in Furness Withy at 370p and 18,750 at 372p, making a holding of 3.08m shares (11.52 per cent). Helix Investments has bought 83,750 shares at 370p and 6,250 at 372p, making a holding of 1.04m shares (3.92 per cent).

cent). Watney Mann and Truman Hold-

Watney Mann and Truman Holdings: Pretax profit for year to September 30 last rose from \$13.66m to \$15.62m.

H. Woodward & Son: Turnover for year to September 30 up from \$10.01m to \$11.7m. Pretax profits. \$431,000 (£556,000). Total gross dividend, \$3.14p (2.97p).

Mergers cleared: Mr John Nott. Secretary of State for Trade, has decided, on the information at present before him, not to refer the following mergers to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission under the provisions of the Fair Trading Act, 1973: McRechnie Brothers/Delson & Company; Generale Occidentale SA'Segma \$A: Cavenham/J. Weingarten Inc; Throgmorton Trust/Cray Electromics.

Throgmorton Trust/Cray Electronics.

A. Arenson (Holdings): Industrial and General Trust has acquired. 70.000 shares in A. Arenson (Holdings), making a holding of 600.000 shares (5.98 per cent).

Capital Reserve Fund: After dealings carried out on March 5, holding of Norman Nominees has been reduced by 48,963 shares to 453,191 shares (36.53 per cent).

Mulrhead: Following directors have exercised options at 33.14p as follows: W. D. Sutherland, 3,000 shares; D. Buchanan, 1,500 shares. Dr Sutherland also notifies sales of 2,500 shares at 196p and 4.000 at 194p.

Metallurgie Hoboken-Overpelt SA: Net profit 375.7m francs (326m francs) for year edded September 30, 1979. In January, the company announced a 190-franc a share (170) dividend ford the year.—Reuter, Brussels.

(170) dividend ford the year.—
Reuter, Brussels.
Tiger Oats & National Milling;
Pre-tax profit for 1979, R60.88m
(R55.78m) on turnover of R913m
(R777m). Total dividend 66 cents
(38 cents).
James Watkinson: Mr John
Ridings, FCA and Mr Tony Richmond, FCA of chartered accountants, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell &
Co, have been appointed joint

Co, have been appointed joint receivers and managers of the textile manufacturers James Wat-kinson and Sons.

Options

Traded options activity con-tinued to be quiet in a relativ-ely duil session with the total number of contracts at 540, an increase of 57 on the previous increase of 57 on the previous day. Racal continued to show the most activity, with 218 contracts, with Courtaulds contributing 96 as a second, BP's figures, due today, resulted in 58 contracts and RTZ was active early on with 28.

On the traditional options pitch where there was moderate activity a call was arranged for Furness Withy as further news

Furness Withy as further news about Mr C. Y. Tung's bid was about Mr C. X. lungs old was awaited and there was a good morket in Bouganville and Phicom. A "put" was arranged in Hawker Siddeley, while doubles were completed in Russenburg and UDT.

Move to unseat Wardle director

Sparks are expected to fly at based plastics group Bernard Wardle next month following three resolutions sent to the company yesterday.

The group is currently on the receiving end of a takeover bid from Ferguson Investments. They call for the removal of Wardle managing director, Mr John Sharpe from the board of directors, for a Department of Trade Inspector to investigate the company's affairs and for the board to reconsider the closure of the group's Everflex factory at Caernarvon which is

due to stop production at the end of May with the loss of more than 300 local jobs. The man moving the resolu-tions is Mr Maldwin Lewis, a Welsh insurance broker, who

has 1,000 Wardle shares.

He said last night: "I have looked into the share dealings narvon factory—the said last night: "I have have been the hard of the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest in the battle to keep the narvon factory—the said last night: "The move is the latest night: "The move is th of the company in the two largest weeks before the takeover bid closing. was announced and I have found a lot of buying on behalf like to know who they are." Mr Lewis added: "I believe that Mr Sharpe was mainly responsible for the group's developing a factory at Lan-cashire which I understand is

not as successful or as profitable as the Caernaryon factory they want to close. I can not understand a decision when last year it made £600,000 and has an estimated £21m of cash assets. I am losing faith in Mr Sharpe and certain other of his

directors and I think we are fully justified in wanting a full

But by the time of the a

meeting, on April 24, W ownership. The takeover from Mr Graham Fer Lacey's newly-formed Fen Investments has a final cl date of March 20 and he said he intends to suppor current magagement's po

At the time of Wa results, chairman Mr R East said the closure of naryon and the transfer of duction to Armoride in . cashire, would reduce pr tion costs. This would not the case if Armoride was) fered to the Everflex factor

The US grain trade

Rising anger in the farm belt

From Minneapolis
The world of the grain trading houses is a secretive, sophisticated and somewhat mysterious one. Many of the largest companies mysterious one. Many of the largest companies are privately owned and do not publish annual reports and balance sheets. The biggest companies have long been viewed with deep suspicion by farmers. Today the trading houses are under attack, largely because of the United States embargo on sales to Russia.

The companies "face a very serious challenge—the business is little understood—there is confusion and charges of speculation. Our read husiness is providing marketing services", says Mr William Pearce, a former United States trade ambassador and now a vice-president of

trade ambassador and now a vice-president of Cargill, one of the world's largest commodities

companies.

A farmer from Iowa told me that he is convinced the trading houses are still making shipments to Russia from the United States, but covering their tracks by routing the shipments having the shipments having the shipment tracks. ments through foreign ports. A farmer from North Dakota asserted that the trading houses made a fortune from the compensation given them by the government when President Carter announced the Soviet embargo two months ago.

amounted the Soviet embargo two months ago. The assertion was made in a Minneapolis television programme that the companies conceal export sales in order to make large grain purchases, then amounce the sales and reap the resulting speculative profits.

There isn't a scrap of evidence to support the allegations. So far there are also no indications of any government plans to start formal investigations. But the trading companies are on the defensive—they are worried about their image and, more importantly, about the possibility of legislation being promoted to clip their wings.

their wings.

The image of the companies has been badly tarnished ever since 1972 when the Russians quietly signed vast contracts for United States grain deliveries with the big firms in what became known as the "Great Grain Robbery".

Now grain sales to the USSR are again at centre stage, the markets are unsettled, the farmers bitter and the trading companies are a popular

and easy target.

Bunge, Continental, Dreyvus and Cargill are
the biggest trading companies and they probably
account for more than 40 per cent of United States grain exports of over 130m tonnes a year.
Cargill alone accounted for 20 per cent of the
sales contracts of 17.5m tonnes that President

Carter blocked for Russia. Cargill is a commodities conglomerate involved in all aspects of marketing transporting and processing grains and also involved in steel, scrap metal, insurance and a vast array of other activities. Its annual sales volume is

probably well in excess of \$14,000m, make one of America's largest private companieruns its global empire from a reprodu French château in the countryside beside Minnetonka, near Minneapolis.

The company declares that "power is concentrated in the grain industry ... supplies are not locked-up by a few. The in the hands of millions of producers. I are discovered and announced in fu markets that approach as closely as possible theoretical model of perfect competition." company adds, "The policy of Cargill an affiliates is not to make grain sales to R or Iran from any origin during the cu international crisis".

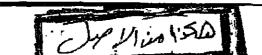
There is no doubt at all in the trading h and at the Chicago Board of Trade too, de suspicions of farmers, that the governmen to assume the trading houses' contracts the embargo was announced. Not to assumed these would have been disastrous trade was collectively long 650m bushe grain and would have had to sell ma amounts. Some exporters would have forced to take actions amounting to flat cellation of billions of bushels of purchases from country and terminal elevi-cooperatives and other country sellers.

The embargo decision may add \$5,000 nited States government budget spending it will hurt the balance of payments. How the Department of Agriculture still sees United States agricultural foreign trade sur rising by \$3,000m to \$19,000m this year.

The Russians had become significant tomers for the United States with their ar purchases rising from zero in 1970 to would have been 25m tonnes in the current year. The trading houses believe that il embargo is lifted soon, then the Russians be swiftly back in United States markets, there are fears in the trade that the emit will stimulate Soviet efforts to make their livestock industry much more efficient and stronger links to non-United States

Farmers had hoped for higher prices and the embargo as depressing prices. They washout the general export outlook and incomes at a time of sharply rising productions. costs and they believe the trading houses managed to profit while everyone else in grain trade has suffered. If 1980 proves to a bad year for United States farmers, and embargo decision was hardly an encoura

Frank V



One-for-six scrip from Sandvik

A one-tor-six scrip issue is sing made by Sandvik, the wedish iron and steel giant hich is quoted on the London id Stockholm exchanges. In 179, pretax profits rose from 12.1m kr to 293.5m kr (about 11m) on sales up from 411.9m kr to 6,640.4m kr. The dividend, per share, is sing lifted from 6.5 to 8 kr.

International

pany acquisitions, compared with 1978's 54m kr.

Price rises accounted for 9 per cent of the sales increase, ofits per share are estimated against 7 per cent in 1978. 36 kr (against 29 kr). Last while volume growth accounted ar group order intake ex-unded from 5,750m kr to for 4 per cent, which is double 1980m kr and investments the 1978 figure. The results for ere up from 360m kr to 533m 1980 are expected to be in the including 160m kr for com- same range as 1979's.

Aran Energy rights ssue proposed

The board of Aran Energy is ling costs to be incurred by oposing to raise approxiately IRL6.37m by the issue of Aran estimates that its share of 544,991 new ordinary shares on the cost of three wells will be e basis of two new ordinary about IRE3.2m. sares for every five held at A further r

The present capital of Aran is sufficient for the issue, so the dinary shares of IREI each.
Fart of the proceeds of the sue will be used to enable an to fund its share of dril-

A further purpose of the issue is to fund the cost of Aran's increased interest in blocks 26/22, 26/28 and 12/22 and are also proposing to in-ease the authorised share capi-i from 1Rf7.5m to IRf12.5m

I from 1Rf7.5m to IRf12.5m

The creation of five million used for working capital require-dinary shares of IRf1 each.

The creation of short-

ted a net loss of 79.2 billion lire, after depreciation of 25.7

Wereldhave profits rise

Wereldhave, the Dutch propplus 3 per cent bonus issue.)

iy group, has reported net Wereldhave will celebrate its

79 profits of Fi24.3m (£5.5m), 50th anniversary on May 30,

1 from Fi22.5m in 1978. Profits per share were Fl3.69, has decided upon an investigation into future developments for commercial real estate over payment of a dividend of the next 10 to 20 years. The 6.25 (£1.42) in cash together investigation will be supported

th 33 per cent in a tax-free nus (scrip) issue charged to e share premium account.

978: Fi5.78 (£1.31) in cash towards and the United States.

Snia expects £18m loss For 1978, SNIA Viscosa repor-

SNIA Viscosa SPA of Milan d a sales rise of 6 per cent it year to 760 billion bire, but s given rise to speculation ut SNIA will devalue its pital, currently at 64.7 billion e, but a spokesmen said no cision has been taken on this

e company is expected to billion live and set asides to a ow a loss for 1979 of about special risk fund of 21.4 billion. billion live (about £18m): The company has drawn up An expected loss of this size a financial rescue plan invol-s given rise to speculation ving a 97 billion lire capital at SNIA will devalue its increase, with the support of a banking consortium and a subsequent 50 biblion lire con-vertible bond issue.

IC shows 39pc increase

Credit Industrielle et Comits 1979 dividend payout to
rent company of a private
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ofit for 1979 of Fr59:16m
bout £6m) up 39.3 per cent
for the Fr42.5m for the 1978

CEC also said that its board
Leidel to double its cond-

The bank pointed out that had decided to double its capi-1978 figure included a non-tal to Fr452.76m through the 2 1978 figure included a non-tal to Fr452.76m through the curring capital gain of incorporation of reserves and by doubling the nominal value

CIC said it intends to increase of its shares to Fr100.

Juthrie Bhd up 178 pc

inary teems, rose 178.3 per at to 58.6m (Singapore) m a year earlier. Guchrie ed is 73.8 per cent owned by Guthrie Corporation of

The dramatic rise in aftertax

: includes a \$1.6m extra--Up plans to buy bottler

1-rink bottler with franchises

Guthrie Bhd's group 1979 ordinary item, the sale of the ofit, after tax and extra- group's 50 per cent stake in group's 50 per cept stake in Guthrie Boustead Shipping Agencieh of Singapore. Operating profit rose 56.7 per cent to \$14.7m, on a 15.4 per cent rise in turnover, to \$265m. The group is rosers to \$265m.

The group is recommending a final dividend of 8 cents a

Soft drinks company 7-up of other bottlers under contracts.

Louis has agreed to acquire. The companies said holders of ylor Group, the city's oldest Taylor's 225,319 common shares trink bottler with franchises outstanding will be offered \$51

deaster Missouri and southern a share, a total of about \$11.5m.
Taylor also owns IBC Root vote on the acquisition agreeor and Taylor Beverages, ment at the annual meeting on er and Taylor Beverages, ment at ich packages soft drinks for April 15.

The company said the group's new orders continued rising in 1980 and saies this year should reach around 7,500m kr

Investments are calculated at 550m kr, of which a little more than half will be in Sweden, compared with 208m kr last year. Most investments are for the cemented-carbide sector. This year's earnings are ex-pected to be similar to those

in 1979, and although price increases in certain sectors will not cover increased costs, this can be remedied to some ex-tent by increased production and improved productivity.

Overseas Union Bank Overseas Union Bank reports group after tax profit of \$21.3m (Singapore) in the year ended December 31, 1979—up 29.1 per cent from 1978.

The bank also proposed a

one-for-five scrip issue—and a one-for-five rights issue, with the latter at a price of \$2 (Singapore) a share. The two issues will be based on the existing issued share capital of 5102.7m (Singapore).

OUB also reports a first and final dividend of 12 per cent less tax, unchanged from a year

The company said both the bank and the group should be able to improve their earnings in 1980 from 1979's levels and maintain the same rate of dividend on the enlarged capital.-A, P. Dow Jones.

Triangle Industries

In 1979, Triangle Industries' net income reached \$3.34m (or \$1,52 per share), compared with 1978's income from continuing operations of \$2.05m (94 cents). In 1978, income from diagraphics of \$2.05m discontinued operations of \$393,000, plus a tax credit of \$202,000, made a final net income of \$2.65m (or \$1.21 a share). Sales reached \$290.91m for 1979, against 1978's \$254.3m. Net income for 1979 reflects

the write-offs of goodwill related to the discontinuance of the copper fittings product line. decreasing net earnings by \$197,000 or 9 cents a share.

"The demand for Triangle's seel and copper fabricated products and coin-operated equip-ment lines was strong in 1979", Mr Edward J. Simmons, chair-man and president said.

This momentum has contioned into 1980. Based on our trunen into 1900. Based on our current operating performance, together with the favourable impact resulting from the elimination of unprofitable product lines. first-quarter 1980 earnings will exceed those reported for the first quarter of 1979."—AP-Dow Jones.

Manila Electric Co

The Manila Electric Company \$47m syndicated loan over 10 years, according to a spokes-man for the Indian Overseas Bank, which is participating in The loan carries interest of ?

per cent over London Interbank offered rates for the first four years, and one per cent above LIBOR for the remaining six. It will be used to finance an expansion programme.

Umsec Group

Pretax profit for the Unisec Group was R3.96m for 1979 against R3.39m. Dividends from trading subsiliaries R2.28m Distributable earnings are

R6.07m (R5.01m). Earnings per share are 14.4 cents (11.9).

Union Bank of M E

Union Bank of the Middle East reports profits for the 12 months to December 31, 1979, after transfer to loan loss provision and inner reserve, of UAE dirhams 33.5m (\$8.9m) ágainst 23.5m dirhams (\$6.2m) for the previous nine months. The bank proposes a one-for-four scrip issue to expand its



Rank Industries of Australia was now trading profitably and the management were confident of meeting budgeted profit for the year. Mr Harry Smith, chairman of the Rank Organisation, said at the annual general meeting yester-

day. Mr Smith is pictured (left above) with Mr Russell Evans, group managing director.

Mr Smith said progress had been made in improving trading profit during the last four years. "I believe we can maintain a steadily rising trend in profitability over the next four years", he added.

"I am confident we will perform well this year in the light of prevailing conditions. Once conditions become more normal, particularly in regard to the rates of inflation and interest charges, we are well prepared to achieve a rapid improvement in both group profits and the rate of return on our investments."

Maynards rises by over a third at pretax level

By Our Financial Staff Maynards, the confectionery group, has turned in a 36 per

cent profits increase in its first half on sales up by 11 per cent. But the underlying trading profit increase, before charg-ing depreciation, falls to 1.4 per cent. The pre-tax figure of £1.65m,

against £1.2m last time, is boosted by an exceptional item of £497,000, compared with £26,000 in the last half-year. This relates to the profit made on a sale and leaseback arrangement on the shop in Worthing. Stripping out this and the

depreciation charge of £236,000, against £186,000 last time, the grading profit figure is \$1.4m against £1.37m on sales up from £21.7m to £24.15m. After allowing for the fact that the period covers 26 weeks compared with 27 weeks last

time, the sales increase does include a small volume improvement. This was in spite of the fact that confectionery sales for the whole industry have been down as a result of increased

On its manufacturing side, Maynards is mainly involved in sugar confectionery which has

suffered a worse downturn than chocolate. But the company maintained its market share, says chairman Mr Peter Salmon, with the help of improved packaging and marketing. In addition the factory moderniza-tion is nearly complete, so "the prospects for increased profits are encouraging once the demand for confectionery re-

Overall sales in retailing grew by 13 per cent, but higher costs and price-cutting by comperitors hit margins. Expansion and modernization programmes are expected to contribute additional profits in due course.

Toy retailing showed a " satisfactory" increase in sales and In the current quarter, sales

are ahead of last year but they are not as buoyant as expected with industrial unrest adversely affecting retail sales.
But Mr Salmon comments:

"Having modernized our factories and opened two new distribution centres for our retail operations the Group is well poised to take advantage of any upturn in the retailing sec-The interim dividend is 2.68p

gross, against 2.42p last time.

Hepworth make £9m agreed bid for Turner

By Rosemary Unsworth J. Hepworth, the tailor, has made an agreed £9m bid for the Leicester-based footwear, hosiery and handbag group, W. & E. Turner, whose shares were suspended two days ago at 49p, while the details were worked

The terms of the offer are either 87 p cash for every Tur-ner share or shareholders may take Hepworth shares valued at 72p up to the cash limit they would have been entitled to under the basic offer. But Hepworth is limiting its share offer to 3.45 million shares and a scaling-down system will come into operation if more Turner shareholders opt for the alternative. The new Hepworth shares will not qualify for the interim dividend for the year to August 31, 1980.

The Turner board and their families, who control more than 50 per cent of the group, have irrevocably accepted for 52.1 per cent of the shares and have unanimously recommended the

Hepworth intends to continue to operate the Turner business from Leicester. Turner has 145 retail outlets in England and

The 750 Turner employees will have their interests and pensions safeguarded. When the offer is declared unconditional, Turner chairman, Mr Kenneth Bowder and Mr Trevor Morgan, managing director, will join the Hepworth board and Repworth board members will join the Turner board.

Turner's 1979 results showed a 22 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits to 51.67m on a turnover increase of £3.2m to £16m. In view of the agreed offer, the board has not recommended a dividend. Last year it paid a total of 2p gross.

Thomas Robinson: Engineers and nomas Robinson: Engineers and machine makers. Thomas Robinson and Son pushed pretax profits up from £1.09m to £1.2m—a record—in 1979. Turnover rose from £7.76m to £9.75m. Total gross payment, £000.05.41—10.00m.

Montford delivers promised profits rise

By Philip Robinson Montfort (Knitting Mills), the Montiort (Knitting Mills), the Leicester-Based socks to pullovers group, yesterday delivered the 70 per cent profits increase and near doubled dividend promised during its successful fight against a takeover from textile group David Dixon last year.
Trading up from the chean Trading up from the cheap imports market in its three knitted garment factories which

produce pullovers, sweaters, children's wear and some ladies' clothes, helped lift pretax profits 72 per cent to £909,000 and the total dividend is raised from 5.604p to 9.996p with an 8.17p final payment. Turnover was 18 per cent ahead at £11.9m.

But the group are cautious about the current year and say

that although the order book is its socks. The group say that is satisfactory, it is down on last they have maintained their year.

Deputy chairman, Mr Alan Norman, said: "Given reasonable level of support from major customers in the second half the company can produce satisfactory result: for the current year, although these are unlikely to show the sort of percentage increases vie are report-

The group's biggest customer is Woolworth's. Mr Norman said: "We are expressing this word of caution because it would take only a couple of months for any tail-off of consumer spending in the shops to ork back to our factories". entered the stage and bought
Montfort's main profit earner Montfort shares in the market. work back to our factories

to increase quality of their gar-ments and lift them out of the markets where for the past three years they have been hit by imports from low-cost countries, were beginning to show

keep David Dixon from taking control.

During that fight, the private Leicester-based group Palma Textiles—run by millionaire, Mr Peter Bailey, Europe's biggest children's sock maker—appared the state and beauty

Despite an increased offer for Montfort and an unsuccess-ful complaint to the Takeover Panel that Mr Bailey's buying represented a commercial in-terest, the Dixon bid eventually

lapsed. For the City, it has never been made clear why through.

Last year Montfort fought a

hard and what the City believed to be an acrimonious battle to bison launched the bid.

Mr Bailey still owns the 18.83 per cent he bought during that time, but Mr Norman said last night that they had had no approaches from him.

We are not in the same sort of business. He makes children's socks and we make men's socks." he added.

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Financial statement

SKF Group sales amounted to 11,062 million Swedish kronor for the year ending 31 December 1979, which represents a rise of 16 per cent over the previous year's figure. Volume sales accounted for a third of the rise, while both steel and bearing sectors increased their market shares.

Group profit more than doubled to 475 million kronor before exchange differences and extraordinary items. All main product sectors contributed profits to Group income, SKF Steel pulling itself out of the red with a 100 million kronor improvement.

The year's results reflect the positive effects of ongoing rationalization, greater capacity utilization and intensified marketing. There is every reason to believe that this combination will also make it possible to achieve a significant improvement in Group income during 1980.

The Board and Managing Director propose an increased dividend from 4.50 kronor to 6.00 kronor per share.

Financial year

Financial year

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, on 30 May 1980.

Mkr=million Swedish kronor	to 31 De		to 31 Dec 1978		
Group net sales	Mkr 11.062	100.0	Mkr 9,533	100.0	
Other operating revenue	153		97		
Operating revenue	11,215		9,630		
Cost of goods sold	7,701	69.6	6,692	70.2	
Selling, administrative and technical development expenses	2.173	19.7	1,949	20.4	
Operating income before depreciation	1,341	12.1	989	10.4	
Depreciation	465	4.2	446	4.7	
Operating income after depreciation	876	7.9	543	5.7	
Financial income and expenses – net	-401	3.6	-336	3.5	
Income before exchange differences	475	4.5	207	2.2	
Reserved for exchange losses	-15		-25		
Accounting translation differences	-137		-134		
Extraordinary income and expenses - net	-59		35	_	
Income before provisions and taxes	264	24	81	0.8	
Provisions	21		169		
Taxes .	-149		-141		
Minority interest .	2		-8		
Net income	138	1.2	101	1.1	
Capital expenditure, Mkr	407		. 412		
Average number of employees	55.994		54,468		
Earnings per Parent Company share, Skr	14.15		4.90		
Group sales by product sector*	Mkr	0,0	Mkr	0.0	
Rolling bearings	8,200	69.2	7,240	70.7	
Steel	1,840	15.5	1,470	14.4	
Cutting tools	500	4.2	450	4.4	
Other products	1.320	11.1	1,070	10.5	
Total	11,860	100.0	10,250	100.0	
Figures include internal deliveries between p	product secto	75.			

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ir Lawrence Boyle has joined committee of management of Pension Fund Property Unit

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Forward Trust Group up 24pc

Forward Trust Group, the newly-established holding company for the Midland Bank's finance house activities, yesterday announced profits for 1979 of 131.2m, a 24 per cent increase. on the previous year's comparable activities.

The results represent the figures of Forward Trust, Midland Monragu Leasing and Griffin Factors, which between them cover instalment credit, them cover instalment credit, leasing and factoring. After tax credits of £21.1m last year compared to £22.6m, the net attributable profit is up from £47.7m to £52.3m.

Mr John Harris, the group's chief executive vesterday

chief executive, yesterday pointed out that a change in the basis of accounting for leasing activities had boosted 1979 profits by £5m as against £1.6m previously. The results also include 14 months of activities of Forward Trust. Mr Harris said that the corset is beginning "to bite" and that in view of economic uncertainties it is impossible to forecast results for this year.

Int Timber sells Belize firm for £2m

J. Gliksten & Son, a subsidi-ary of International Timber Corporation, has sold its subsidiary, Belize Estate & Produce, operating in Belize, Central America to Minter Naval Stores (Belize), owned by Mr W. F. Belote of Georgia, United

Belize Estate owns about 700,000 acres of forest land in Belize. The company produces and exports hardwood lumber and acts as agent for numerous
United Kingdom based companies. The consideration for
the sale is \$4.9m (£2.2m) of
which \$1m has been received, with the balance payable over the next five years with interest at 3 per cent per annum. The sale is based on the balance

sheet of the company at March 31, 1979, and a further amount will be payable relating to the increase in value of the combut the used car market had pany to March 29, 1980. In the year to March 31, 1979, the turnover of the company was £2.51m and the net profit, before tax, was £330,000.

Receivers appointed at Fertleman

Mr Guy Parsons and Mr William Ratford, partners in chartered accountants Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, have been appointed Joint Receivers of

B. Fertleman and Sons. The Receivers say that they are continuing to carry on the group's furniture manufacturing business whilst they undertake an urgent review of its viability.

Britannic Assurance pays more

Britannic Assurance is lifting its total gross dividend for 1979 from 14.77p to 17p. The company made a profit on long-term business of £2.31m, against £1.81m. General branch profits were up from £3,000 to £213,000.

Over £700,000 pretax at Lambert Howarth

On turnover up from £14.11m to £15.02m, pretax profits of Lancashire-based footmakers, Howards, rose from £645,000 to £724,000 in 1979. With earnings per share up from 10.6p to 12.6p, the total gross dividend is being raised from 5.06p to 5.8p.

Margins squeezed at Lookers

At the annual meeting of Lookers, the car distributors and engineers, shareholders pany in good stead.

months of the current year sales of new cars had fallen, but the used car market had kept up well. The chairman, Mr R. E. Tongue, reported that margins had hear savesage hut margins had been squeezed but the group was making profits and he forecast that share-holders would be receiving the same sort of dividend in a year's time.

Weeks Associates: RAP increases profit

Acquired by Weeks Associates last year, Rubber and Allied Products (RAP) produced pretax profits of £371,082 in the 12 months to October 31, 1979-£46,082 above the warranted profits at the time of the acquisition last May.

Weeks Associates have now paid five times this excess, completing full settlement of the purchase price of £1.73m. Weeks Associates' annual figures for the year ending January 27, 1980, will include consolidation of RAP results to that date.

RAP, which now has seven lepots in major industrial depots centres, is a principal merchant and manufacturer of rubber and PVC bosing, mouldings and conveyor belting, protective clothing gaskets and rubber/ metal fabrication, with over 1,250 customers.

Pretax profits for RAP in

1978 were £274,770 on turnover

Mr M Wernicke joins Stewart & Wight Mr Michael Wernicke has

of £2.23m.

been co-opted to the board of Stewart and Wight. Mr Wernicke has been involved in the retail trade for a number of years and it is felt that his experience will stand the com-

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Wall Street

New York, March 12.—Stock prices rose in active early trading this morning but blue chips were weak. Advances led declines two-to-one but the Dow Jones industrial average pointed slightly lower.

Airfix disposes of footwear operation By Michael Prest

intal average pointed agency lower.

Volume leader American Telephone slipped 3 to 475. A block of 100,000 shares traded at 475. Active Geosource eased 3 to 515. Rockwell International will sell its 11 per cent stake in Geosource in a secondary offering at \$52 a share. Rockwell gained 3 to 545. March 11: The Dow Jones industrial average closed 7.34 points up at \$26.28. By Michael Prest
Airfix Industries, which has been battling for several months to sell its loss-making Meccano factory, has agred virtually to give away another unprofitable enterprise, Airfix Footwear. The move is part of Airfix's strategy of disposing of businesses not regarded as part of the company's mainstream activities.

Under the terms of the agreement Footwear, which made women's high fashion leather shoes, will be sold for a 'nominal' consideration. Airfix will lend the purchasers (250,000, take on all Footwear's debts not stemming from normal trading, and offer a two-year option to buy the factory.

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The purchasers are a consortium, including among others Sir Aubrey Brocklebank, Dr Michael Sinclair. Mr Michael Binns. and Mr Robert de Keyser. The latter is managing director of Rembrandt Design Collections, a fact which underlines Airfix's contention that one of its problems was lack of connexions in the fashion connexious in the fashion

The company also stresses a general downturn in demand for shoes, and competition from imports. Footwear was a major suppliers to Marks & Spencer, which accounted for most of output in the first years after Airfix bought the company in 1971. But by last year Marks &

1971. But by last year Marks & Spencer's orders had fallen considerably.

In 1978:79 Footwear lost £205,000 on a turnover of £4.49m, equivalent to about 20 per cent of group turnover. Profits in the previous year were £41,000. The original purchase price was £65,000. The company felt that the chances of Footwear being restored to profit under its management in the present circumstances were small. Airfix's profits to the

small. Airfix's profits to the end of March 1979 were £1.56m. But the fare of Footwear also highlights a trend in Airfix to concentrate on the profitable kits, toy trains and Crayonne household items which are the

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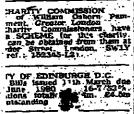
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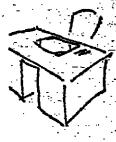
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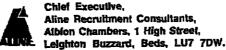
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9.05 Checkpoint.
9.30 The Living World.

11.50 Through My Window.

10.00 News. 10.05 Parent Power. 10.20 Daily Service. 10.45 Story Time. 11.00 File on 4:

12.00 News.

3.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

9 40 Kaleidoscope.

VHF



chael Wood, writer and presenter of In Search of Offa BC 2, 7.50), the third in his series of four films about Augland before the Norman Conquest.

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hion. The little 'uns are the "pirates." who run their
untry bus services across the Dales: draughty Dodges and
ky Fords. The big 'uns are the monopolists, with their
ng double-deckers. Mr. Case writes funny dialogue that
ness with the paintelness of truth and the director, Tim King,
s the screen with runny old vehicles crawling along winding
ds that look as if they will never see a cat's eye.

Nost of us, I suppose, would be content to be remembered a spectacular ditch, especially if it carried our name. It's in ity, though, that it is only for his dyke which divided the glish and the Welsh that Offa's name lives on. As we learn m Michael Wood in tonight's film in Search of Offa (BBC 2, I), there was much more to the man than this. Het also laid the ndations of a unified state in central England, built churches I wrote trade letters to Charlemagne. He eliminated anyone o threatened his supremacy, too, which is why Mr Wood, er at a loss for a striking analogy, sees in Offa something

is different as chalk and cheese are the competition concerts s milerent as chaik and cheese are the competition concerts tradio today (which one is chalk, which cheese, depends of rise on your musical taste). The National Rebearsal Band apetition (Radio 2, 9.02) is an all-witners, big hand affair, a mateur and professional music makers from London and regions taking part . . . On Radio 3 (2.00), you can hear wholly professional Orlando Quartet witning the 1978 EBU rnational Quartet Competition with the Ravel Quartet in F for and the Brahms Quartet in A Minor, Op 51 No 2.

f today's Afternoon Theatre play (Radio 4, 3.15) sounds dilar—eminent American criminal lawyer Clarence Darrow leading American Fundamentalist William Jennings B-yan hing in court-it could be because the same story, under the Inherit the Wind, was once filmed with Spencer Tracy and dric March as the combateants. . A Radio Wales profile —dio 4, 9.10) calls Gerry Lewis the Welsh Physio, but wags he Principality have a better name for the man who has a physiotherapist to the Welsh Rugby Union for 20 years: ris the Massage

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ter continues reading The Mill House Cat, by Marjory-Ann Watts; 4.40 Star Turn; Acting games, in-

Rosta, George Chisholm, Brian Cant, Dealse Coffey and Tim Brooke-Taylor. The MC is Greene Garden; 5.00 John Craven's Newsround; 5.05 Blue Peter: Mountain burnt for the injust Strong Ground.

hunt for the injued Simon Groom; 5.35 Paddington: Michael Hordern narrates the story of A Shopping

5.40 News: with Peter Woods, 5.55

Nationwide. 6.55 Tomorrow's World: A new

way of transporting great weights through the air; and how to stop more from than lager coming out of pub pumps.

7.20 Top of the Pops: The records they are all buying.

7.55 Lennie and Jerry: Comedy show with Lennie Bennett and Jerry Stevens, with their guests including Terry Wogan and Helen Shories

8.30 1980 World Figure Skating

Edited by Peter Davalle

TELEVISION

BBC 1 6.40 am Open University: Comparing cultures; 7.05 Neo-Platonism in 7.30 Guernsey. Closedown at

9.00 For Schools, Colleges: Japan; 9.25 Physical Science (waves); 9,47 Science (wind); 10.10 Merry-go-Round; 10.35 scene: The Fan Phenomenon; 11.85 Near and Far; 11.55 On the Rocks. Closedown at 12.45 News and weather.

12.05 News and weather.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Studio interviews with Cauadian film director Norman Jewison (Fiddler on the Roof, Thomas Crown Affair) and with ex-war artist Terence Cuneo, who has also pained royalty. pained royalty.

2.00 You and Me : Our Doctor (r):

2.15 For Schools, Colleges: Music Time (Lieutenant Kije); 2.40 Tei-vision Club. Closedown at 3.00. 3.55 Play School: Michael J. Wyatt's story Mr Duff, the Door-man: 4.20 Bojan: Cartoon called Pages 4.25 Instruments Lutter Alled Bees; 4.25 Jackanory: Jenny Agut-

4.50 Open University: Macbeth.
5.40 Plash Gordon: Episode 12.
Trapped in the Turret.*
6.00 Bolshoi Puppets: The Fairy

Story of Emilio. Recorded at Sadier's Wells Theatre, London, during the Leohograd company's visit to London recently. William

Rushton narrates. 6.45 Racing: Highlights from today's Cheltenham Festival.

THAMES

7.05 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.15 Newsweek: Two Nations? The political, economic and social fac-tors that separate the north of Britain from the south. David Jessel is the reporter.

sel is the reporter.

7.50 In Search of Offa: Michael Wood, who has already followed in the real and legendary footbyrints of King Arthur and Boadicea, tonight pursues the shadowy figure of the man who first gave form to his concept of a kingdom of all the English (see Personal Choice).

8.30 Public school: I'll Probably Collapse When the Exam Comes: Another episode of the Radley College story. Two boys prepare to take the A-levels which they hope will enable them to go to Oxford and Cambridge.

9.00 M*A*S*H: Radar becomes a disc jockey, and helps the camp to overcome a crisis.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.20 Help! Advice for those suffering from the skin condition called



Wendy Morgan as Celia in High Tide (ITV, 7.50)

when they have to make difficult etidcal decisions, the BMA has published an ethical handbook. Tonight, medical people and patients are interviewed by Nick Ross and Harold Williamson. 10.15 15th Cambridge Folk Festival: Featuring Richard Digance, described by the programme's producer as "the lovable rogue of the folk scene". 10.40 Cartoon Two: Cartoon by Stan Bayward. The Trend Setter. 10.45 Newsnight: News and current affairs, with bulletin at 11.15 approximately. 11.30 Snooker: Some of the best moments from last month's Benson and Hedges Masters final between Terry Griffiths and Alex Higgins.

Championships: Can Robin Cousins do it? Direct from Dort-mund.

9.30 News: with Kenneth Kendall.

9.55 Play for Today: Buses. Comedy by Geoffrey case set in Yorkshire in the 1920s, about bus company rivalry. (See Personal

10.45 Question Time: Robert Mc-Kenzie fills Robin Day's old chair. His panel consists of Dr Rhodes Boyson, Austin Mitchell, MP, Lord

Robens and Clare Short, director of Youth Aid.

11.45 News headlines and weather.

RBC 1 Variations: Wales: 2.15 pm 1 Yagolion, 5.58 Wales Today, 5.05 Heddiw. 10.46 Clas Y Oorlan, 11.16 News and weather. Beolinae: 10.10 am Schools, 12.40 pm Scotlish News, 5.58 Renorling Scotland, 10.45 Chryent Account, 11.15 Graham Sutherland, 12.00 News and weather. Northern Iranel: 1.20 am Schools, 3.53 pm News, 5.55 Scene Around Six, 6.55 Sportsweek, 11.45 Homorrow's World, 12.14 am News and weather. Sepland: 5.55 pm Regional magazines, 11.55 Close.

9.25 Man Alive : Doctors' Code. To

help doctors, nurses and adminis-trators who are assalled by doubts when they have to make difficult

perty r Choice).

Terry Griffiths and Alex Higgins. 12.10 am Newsnight By-Election Special: Result of the Southend poll is expected at about 12.30.

6.30 Crossroads: Marian Ower 6.55 Looks Familiar: Show busi-ess quiz, with Denis Norden as quiz master. His guests are Dickie Henderson, Liz Fraser and Brian laboreson 7.20 The Jim Davidson Show: Comedy sketches on the theme of travel and holidays.

7.50 Armchair Thriller: Episode 2 of High Tide, Ian McShane is the man who, having served a sentence for manslaughter, becomes in-volved in a new drama. 8.20 The 1980 World Ice Skating Championship: Can Robin Cousins do what John Curry did four years

ago?

9.30 TV Eye. A new controversy this over the Cambodian orphans in Thai refugee camps. Should they stay there? Yes, say the Thai government and the UN. No, say adoption agencies who want them adopted by Western families.

10.00 News. 10.30 Thames Report : Chemicals—
Trouble in Store. The perils to the community that lie behind factory walls in the London area. 11.00 Lou Grant: Bomb. Newspaper drama 12.00 What the Papers say. Presented by Peter Paterson.
12.15 am Close. Anna Ford reads.
Edward Thomas's poem Lights
Out.

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jeunes !; Time and Tune; Man; Our Changing World. 2.00 am-3.00 Schools: Living Lau-guage; Secondary Science (RV); Look! (RV). 5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00 Study on 4: Over to Youth (2). 11.30-12.10 am Open University: 20th-century Poetry; New 20th-century Materials.

Radio 3 6.55 am Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Ambroise Thomas,
Schumann, Borodin.

12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.27 Detective (11). 12.55 Weather. 8.08 News. 8.05 Records: Puccini, Wagner, 1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers. Verdi.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composers; At The 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. Court of Gustav III. 9.45 Salon Music: Chabrier, Hahn, Sarie.† 10.45 New Music from Hungary. 11.20 Haydn Concert.† 3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Play: The Monkey Trial, by

Norman Partington. 4.15 Any Answers? 1.00 pm News. 1.05 Manchester Midday Concert: Beethoven, Schumann.† 2.09 Quarter Competition: Brahms, 4.45 Short Story. 5.00 PM News magazine. 5.55 Weather. Ravel.† 3.10 Rodion Shchedrin.† 4.05 Charlie Parker, portrait. 6.00 News. 6.30 Brain of Britain 1980.† 7.60 News. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.

7.20 Time for Verse.† 7.30 Henryk Szeryng (violin), part 1: Mozart, Brahms.† 7.00 Talking About Music.†
7.30 Faith Healer by Brian Friel.
9.10 Bullding a Library.†
9.35 Feter Wallfisch (piano): Bach, 8.15 Geoffrey Moorhouse Revi-Schoenberg, Busoul.†
10.15 Book, Music and Lyrics: a personal view of musical.†
17.00 Stockhausen.†
11.55-12.00 News. gists.... 8,35 Szeryng, part 2: Beethoven, Brahms.† 9,18 The Welsh Physio!

11.00 News. 11.05 Financial World tonight. 11.15 Financial World tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast. VHF
6.00-7.00 am Open University: Patterns of Inequality; Personal Identity; 6.40 Democracy and Oligarchy
in Athens.
6.20-7.00 pm Open University:
Policy and Action; The Acceptance
of Continental Drift.

VHF
6.50 am Regional news, weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.05-10.30 Schools: Service for Schools; Impact; Religion and Life; Sounds, Words and Movemen; Notice Board I; Storles and Radio 2 rhymes. 10.45-12.00 Schools: Salut les

5.00 am News, Weather, 5.03 David Allen.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03 Jimmy Young.† 12.03 pm David Bamikon.† 2.03 Gold Cup Special.

4.30 Much More Music. 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 Much More Music.† 6.03 Deerek Hob-son.† 8.02 Country Club.† 9.02 National Rehearsal Rand Competi-National Renearsal Sand Competi-tion, witners' concert.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Windsor Davies Pre-sents... 10.30 Sur Sound Extra. 11.02 Brian Matthew. 2.02-5.00 am You and the Night and the Music.†

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Darts. 11.00 Doctor's Private Lives.
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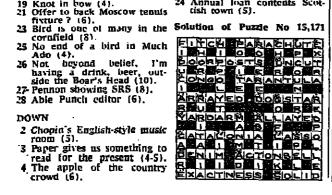
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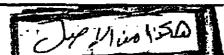
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